

In sum, the Court finds that DHS's lack of transparency regarding its response to EPIC's FOIA request, along with the Court's multiple stays, the Scheduling Order, the Modified Scheduling Order, and the Order on Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, requiring that DHS review a specific number of documents per month, support a finding that EPIC's lawsuit caused DHS to release responsive records and that it thereby substantially prevailed in this litigation. Indeed, given these facts, it is hard to believe that DHS would ever have gotten the job done without the Court's supervision.

**B. Plaintiff's Entitlement to Attorneys' Fees**