

**From:** [Eric Hood](#)  
**To:** [Leider, Mary \(SAO\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATE: SAO Response to PRR #6105 - Columbia County  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:54:27 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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External Email

Fulfilling PRA requests also relies upon the good faith efforts of the agency which controls access to all requested records and most information concerning those records.

Thank you for clarifying. The date range for my request is June 1, 2018—January 20, 2020.

Eric Hood

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**From:** Leider, Mary (SAO) <leiderm@sao.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 5, 2024 8:38 AM  
**To:** Eric Hood <ericfence@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** UPDATE: SAO Response to PRR #6105 - Columbia County

Dear Mr. Hood,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received your response for clarification to your public records request sent in via email, as follows:

***Regarding your audit of Columbia County resulting in Reports No. 1022230 and 1022264, please disclose all records you sent to the County and all records of any response to the audit or to the audit report that you received from the City. The date range for this request is from the date you first notified the County that you would be auditing it regarding the above mentioned audit up to and including January 20, 2020.***

**SAO clarification email sent 1/4/24:**

*We need to clarify a few items with you before we start processing this request. First, your request states: “**please disclose all records you sent to the County and all records of any response to the audit or to the audit report that you received from the City.**” Did you mean “County” not “City”? Secondly, we do not document the details of the first notification of when the audit will start in our TeamMate file, therefore we will need a date range (a beginning date and an end date) from you to search for relevant emails.*

**Email response received 1/4/24:**

*You certainly know better than I the date or approximate date range for the records I am requesting. Please clarify what information you need. I meant County, not City.*

In response, SAO endeavors to give requestors the fullest assistance in fulfilling requests. To do so, requires the good faith efforts of the requestor. As you have been informed, SAO did not document when SAO contacted the County to start the audit. Since you refuse to give us a date, SAO will have to choose a date. The audit period (report) covers January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. We audit after the fact. Since this was a federal audit and it has a deadline of 9/30, we most likely reached out to them around July 1, 2018 to let them know we would be starting the audit. SAO will start the search date from July 1, 2018 through January 20, 2020.

We estimate we can have the responsive records found ready by February 28, 2024. If we are unable to meet that date, we will contact you and let you know when to expect the work will be completed. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or issues regarding this request.

Sincerely,



**Mary Leider, CPRO**

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