DATA CENTER SECRECY

North Carolina Public Records Timeline: 106 days of obstruction and delay

From July 5 to October 19, responses often described process—not when records would arrive.



JUL 5–30

REQUESTS Sent

Lee • Sanford • SAGA • NCDPS

Forwarded to attorneys/SBI; SAGA said records law did not apply; Lee said no records.

AUG 2–14

FOLLOW-UP

Retention notices • NDA requests

SAGA: no non-exempt records. Sanford: receipt acknowledged, no status.

AUG 17–21

MIXED RESULTS

Northampton • Halifax • Enfield

Halifax produced two agreements; Enfield said no records; Northampton acknowledged.

AUG 27–SEP 11

SEARCH NARROWED

Commerce • Lee County

Commerce opened a search. Lee confirmed parameters; no formal visit roster existed.

SEP 18–OCT 14

MORE PROCESS

Johnston • Lee County

Portal resubmission; Lee said it would process; Johnston found no responsive records.

OCT 19

PRODUCTION

Northampton County

NO PUBLIC RESOURCES WITHOUT PUBLIC FACTS.

Ambiguous responses included: “law does not apply” • “no records” • receipt without status • “will be processed”