There is only one main table in the NEA database, and they are named NEAxx where xx stands for the corresponding fiscal year. Following are notes on the record layouts changes over the period of 2001 to 2007.

There are several layout changes since 2001. Several field names were changed for FY07.

In place of the codes, the NEA now gives descriptions, which should make using the information easier. In the FY87-00 data, the NEA used codes and then sent along a sheet with the descriptions.

The NEA also puts the name of organizations and individuals in the same field now. In FY01 data, the old fields of "name1" (Name of organizations) and "name2" was changed to a single field.

The FY01 and FY02 data also include an "Authorizing Official" field to refer to contact names. The FY03 and FY04 data does not include that field. The FY05 and FY06 data includes the "Authorizing Official" field.

The FY06 data also includes two address fields for the Grantee, Address1 and Address2, which are only filled in for organizations. Individual Grantees will be blank in these fields.