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Dear

This is in response to your November 1, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information that led to the most recent approval and licensing of the Imrab 3 TF (thimerosal –free) rabies vaccine by Merial. Your request was received in this office on November 2, 2009, and assigned case number FOIA 10-066. We apologize for the delay of this response.

The enclosed CD-ROM contains 107 pages of responsive records. However, information is being withheld under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). This exemption protects confidential business information from disclosure when release would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of an individual, partnership or corporation from whom the information was obtained. The information being withheld under this exemption are the doses used; location of facilities; some protocol data; some experiment data; compounds used; test dates and test references.

In addition, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The information being withheld under this exemption are owners of animals, researcher, technicians, investigators, reviewers and some employees.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be sent within 45 days of the date of this letter to:

Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Ag Box 3401  
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-066 in your appeal letter and add the words “FOIA Appeal” to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.



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Also contained on the CD-ROM are a copy of this letter, your FOIA request and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™ which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

All fees pertaining to this request have been waived due to the delay of processing this request. If you have any questions, please contact my staff

Sincerely,

/s/ Bev Whitfield

Tonya G. Woods  
Director  
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Enclosure