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Dear Mr. Field:

Freedom of
Information

This is in response to your July 14, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all complaints including investigations from January 1, 2010 to July 1, 2010, regarding the University of Kansas Medical Center (UKMC). Your request was received in this office on July 14, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 10-549. We apologize for the delay of this response.

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We have located 241 pages of responsive records. We are granting partial access to, and enclosing a copy of the records to you, on CD-ROM. Portions of the records contain information that is exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemptions 2 (high), 6, 7(C), and (7)(F).

Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2) high permits the Government to protect agency practices and procedures if disclosed would risk circumvention of agency regulations/statutes or impede the effectiveness of an agency's law enforcement activities.

Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The same information has been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we withheld the names and personal contact information of complainants, KUMC employees, and interviewees.

Moreover, information pertaining to site locations of research facilities has been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2)high. This exemption protects agency practices and procedures from disclosure to prevent circumvention of agency regulations or statutes or impede the effectiveness of an agency's law enforcement activities. The same information has been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7, U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(f). This exemption protects information which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual.

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

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 10-549 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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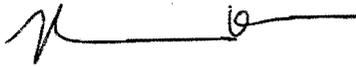
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Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of your FOIA request, this response letter, and Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™, which is needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, the Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure