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Legislative and Public Affairs  
Ms. Mary LaHay

Freedom of Information  
Iowa Voters for Companion Animals  
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Des Moines, Iowa 50311

Unit 50  
Riverdale, MD 20737-1232  
Dear Ms. LaHay:

This is the final response to your February 24, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all photos, videos, DVDs or CDs generated that are related to USDA-licensed commercial facilities in the state of Iowa during the time from January 1, 2009 – February 1, 2011. Your request was received in this office on February 24, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-282. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located on the enclosed CD-ROM 224 pages of documents and photos that are responsive to your request. However, Information has also 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.

We are withholding 95 pages of pictures under FOIA Exemption 7(A), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A). This exemption protects from disclosure records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement activities. Since Exemption 7(A) protects the records from disclosure, we have not determined if other exemptions apply. Therefore, we reserve the right to assert other exemptions when Exemption 7(A) no longer applies. Moreover, we are unable to determine when the proceedings will be completed. If you wish, you may request the records at a later date. Please reference case numbers IA10012, IA10015, and IA10018.

You may appeal our partial denial release determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received at the following address within 45 days of the date of this letter:

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

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Please refer to FOIA 11-282 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.

Also contained on the CD-ROM is rp505enu.exe, which is a free copy of Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™ 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tamara M. Wade of my staff at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,



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Tonya Woods  
Director  
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