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Gregory Dennis
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Dear Mr. Dennis:

This is in response to your August 16, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of inspection reports before December 3, 2008 for the St. Louis Zoological Park, St. Louis, Missouri, Certificate # 43-C-0032; customer ID 4296. Your request was received in this office on August 16, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-763.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located a one-page inspection report, which is responsive to your request. However, 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. In addition, this same information has been withheld under 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 when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we withheld third party name pursuant to this exemption.

Please note that inspection reports and related documents are usually maintained for three years in accordance with the Agency's records retention schedule.

Please note that copies of inspection reports are now available on our Animal Welfare web site. To access all available APHIS inspection reports, please visit the APHIS homepage at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov> and click on FOIA Reading Room (a bullet item located in the light blue box on the right-hand portion of the screen). Then, click on APHIS eFOIA Reading Room, then about halfway down that page, click on Animal Welfare, then click on Search Active Licensees, Registered Facilities, Annual Reports, and Inspection Reports, a bullet item located under an Animal Welfare heading. There, you will be able to access a searchable database.



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Mr. Gregory M. Dennis
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You may appeal our partial denial determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Please send your appeal to:

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

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 11-763 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Sophie Lau-Lopez of my staff at (301) 734-5360.

Sincerely,



 Tonya G. Woods
Director
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