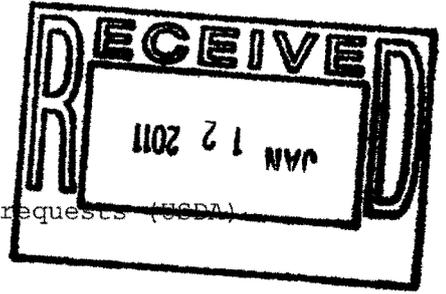


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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Requests Muckrock [mailto:requests@muckrock.com]  
> Sent: Monday, December 20, 2010 4:16 PM  
> To: USDAFOIA  
> Subject: Freedom of Information Request: 5 oldest FOIA requests (USDA)

> To Whom It May Concern:

> This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby  
> request the following records:

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> All records referencing the five oldest FOIA and Privacy Act requests  
> which are still being processed that contain remarks, comments, notes,  
> explanations, etc. made by your personnel or contractors about the  
> processing of these requests (and appeals, if appropriate), the  
> invocation of exemptions, or related matters. This is to include any  
> analysts' notes made during the processing of the requests, any  
> standard worksheets completed by the analysts, any justifications for  
> exemption invocations or other supporting documentation provided to  
> the Appeals Authority, and any correspondence referencing the  
> requests, including tasking orders, emails, and coordination  
> documentation. However, any records previously released to the  
> original requesters in unredacted form may be excluded from this  
> request. Additionally, please provide the initial request letters for  
> the 5 oldest open FOIA/PA requests.

> When processing this request, please note that the D.C. Circuit has  
> previously held that agencies have a duty to construe the subject  
> material of FOIA requests liberally to ensure responsive records are  
> not overlooked. See Nation Magazine, Washington Bureau v. U.S. Customs  
> Service, 71 F.3d 885, 890 (D.C. Cir. 1995). Accordingly, you are  
> hereby instructed that the term "record" includes, but is not limited  
> to: 1) all email communications to or from any individual within your  
> agency; 2) memoranda; 3) inter-agency communications; 4) sound  
> recordings; 5) tape recordings; 6) video or film recordings; 7)  
> photographs; 8) notes; 9) notebooks; 10) indices; 11) jottings; 12)  
> message slips; 13) letters or correspondence; 14) telexes; 15)  
> telegrams; 16) facsimile transmissions; 17) statements; 18) policies;  
> 19) manuals or binders; 20) books; 21) handbooks; 22) business  
> records; 23) personnel records; 24) ledgers; 25) notices; 26)  
> warnings; 27) affidavits; 28) declarations under penalty of perjury;  
> 29) unsworn statements; 30) reports; 31) diaries; or 32) calendars,  
> regardless of whether they are handwritten, printed, typed,  
> mechanically or electronically recorded or reproduced on any medium  
> capable of conveying an image, such as paper, CDs, DVDs, or diskettes.

> I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this  
> request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be  
> made available to the general public free of charge as part of the  
> public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a  
> representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of  
> news gathering and not for commercial usage.

> In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you  
> would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my  
> request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail  
> attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

> Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

> I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20  
> business days, as the statute requires.  
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> Sincerely,  
>  
> Jason Smathers  
> Filed via MuckRock.com  
> E-mail (Preferred): requests@muckrock.com  
> Daytime: (617) 299-1832  
> For mailed responses, please address:  
> MuckRock  
> 185 Beacon St. #3  
> Somerville, MA 02143  
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To: Emmer, Valerie; Woods, Tonya G; Holmes, Phyllis; Noland, Henry; Weatherly, Jennifer; Marinos, Litsa -FSA; McLean, Barbara -FSA; Vargas, George -FS; Walker, Beverly -NRCS; Peterson, Joanne C; Alston, Mary -NRCS; Hetrick, Julie; Powell, Tamika -USDA; IRVING, DARLENE -OCFO; Scott, Winona; Ollila, Betty; DECKER, ALISON; Hutchison, Stasia; Ray, Terrie; Sullivan, Sara -RD; Herberger, Valerie

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request: 5 oldest FOIA requests (USDA)

Hello All,

Happy New Year to everyone.

Please see the FOIA request below, submitted by Jason Smathers of Muckrock.com, which is being referred to each agency FOIA Officer or Coordinator.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact me. My direct line is 202-720-8164.

Thanks...

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Requests Muckrock [mailto:requests@muckrock.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 12:24 AM

To: USDAFOIA

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request: 5 oldest FOIA requests (USDA)

Please have the following USDA agencies respond:

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE, ANIMAL & PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT, FARM SERVICE AGENCY, FOOD, NUTRITION & CONSUMER SERVICES, FOOD SAFETY & INSPECTION SERVICE, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, FOREST SERVICE, GRAIN INSPECTION, PACKERS & STOCKYARDS, NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION, NATIONAL FINANCE CENTER, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE, OFFICE OF BUDGET & PROGRAM ANALYSIS, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH, EDUCATION & ECONOMICS, and USDA FOIA Service Center.

Thanks,  
Jason Smathers

On Mon, Dec 20, 2010 at 4:54 PM, USDAFOIA <USDAFOIA@ocio.usda.gov> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Smathers:

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> The USDA FOIA Service Center is in receipt of your FOIA request (below).

Please be advised that we require some clarification of the request and which agency or agencies of USDA you wish to respond. No action can be taken on this request until we received clarification with regard to its intended respondent agency or agencies at USDA.

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> Please contact us as soon as possible via email in order to perfect this request.

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> Sincerely,

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> Joseph Tangredi

> USDA FOIA Service Center

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