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United States
Department of
Agriculture

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Michael Budkie
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Sent Via Email

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Dear Mr. Budkie:

Freedom of
Information

This is in response to your January 13, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all documents generated by the current investigation of the University of Wisconsin, Madison research facilities relevant to violations of the Animal Welfare Act. Your request was received in this office on January 13, 2011, and assigned FOIA 11-189. We apologize for the delay of this response.

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located a voluminous amount of documents of records that are responsive to your request. With this letter, we are providing 22 pages of releasable records responsive to your request. However, portions of the information is being withheld pursuant to 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 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 collected for law enforcement purposes when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Specifically, we have withheld the identity of third party's individuals.

Please be advised, the documents you have requested are involved in an ongoing investigation, therefore, we are withholding the remaining records pursuant to 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. Moreover, we are unable to determine when the proceeding will be completed. You are welcome to submit a new request for this information at a later date.

You may appeal our partial denial of 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 at the following address:

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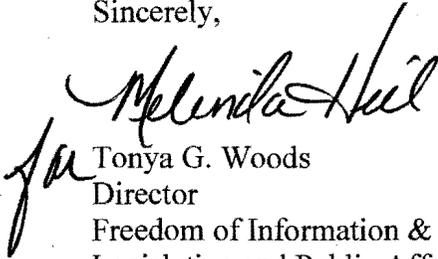
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If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 11-189 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have questions, please contact Ms. KeWanda McCain of my staff at (301) 734-4893.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tonya G. Woods". To the left of the signature is a small, stylized handwritten mark that looks like "ja".

Tonya G. Woods
Director
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Enclosures