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October 29, 2010

Terry Torrance

Dear Ms. Torrance:

This is in response to your October 10, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all owner/shipper papers, (VS 10-13) forms and health certificates of horses shipped to slaughter by or for Mel Hoover, Mels stable and auction barn of New Holland, Pennsylvania. The search dates range from January 1, 2010 to the latest date of records. Your request was received in this office on October 13, 2010, and assigned case number FOIA 11-016.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their database, but did not locate any responsive records.

You may appeal our no records 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 to:

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

Please refer to FOIA 11-016 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 was less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robbie Perry of my staff at (301) 734-8696.

Sincerely,

for

Tonya Woods
Director
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