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May 6, 2011

Ms. Terry Torrance

Dear Ms. Torrance:

This is in response to your April 26, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of forms VS10-13, owner/shipper papers and form VS17-145, for horses shipped to slaughter that were BLM titled wild horses. You also requested a copy of the BLM title for each horse that was slaughtered. Your request was received in this office on April 27, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-456.

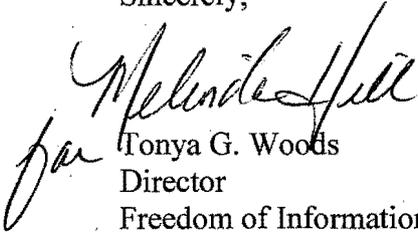
Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files but did not locate any information responsive to your request. However, the program has informed this office that they do not require or collect documentation related to BLM titled horses. You may appeal our no records determination. If you 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, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-456 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of this initial determination is warranted.

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

Sincerely,


Tonya G. Woods

Director
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