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August 10, 2011

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Dear Ms. Jones:

This is in response to your July 23, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for owner/shipper papers (VS 10-13) forms and health certificates for horses shipped to slaughter by Bruce Rotz Livestock, PA, from November 1, 2010 to the most recent date. Your request was received in this office on July 25, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-680.

Veterinary Services employees conducted a thorough search of their files and the enclosed CD-ROM contains 637 pages of responsive records to your request. However, portions of information has been withheld under Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). Exemption 6 permits the Government to protect from disclosure information that would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The release of this information will not shed any light on Government operations. Specifically, we have withheld the names of drivers, vehicle license numbers and signatures.

You may appeal our partial denial of records. 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 11-680 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.

Also contained on the CD-ROM are copies of this response letter and the redacted responsive records.

The fees pertaining to this request have been waived. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact my staff at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

*Tonya Woods*  
for: *Katy DeGroot*

Tonya Woods  
Director  
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