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Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Ms. Ashley Wilmes
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Legislative and
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Dear Ms. Wilmes:

Freedom of
Information

This is our final response to your February 11, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (copy enclosed), which was received in this office on February 14, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-261. We apologize for the delay of our response.

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located on the enclosed CD-ROM are 245 documents that are responsive to your request. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) which permits the withholding of inter-and intra-agency records which are pre-decisional, deliberative which may contain agency employee's advice, opinions and recommendations. Disclosure of such material would inhibit the open and candid expression of such views in similar future deliberations and have a detrimental effort on our decision-making process.

You may appeal our partial denial 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, DC 20250-3401

If you choose to appeal, please refer to FOIA 11-261 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.

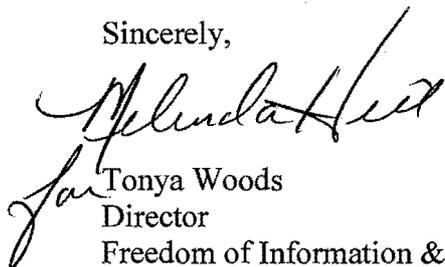
Also contained on the CD-ROM is rp505enu.exe, which is a free copy of Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™ needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tonya Woods".

Tonya Woods
Director
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Enclosure