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Independent Weekly
P.O. Box 2690
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Freedom of
Information

Dear Ms. Sorg:

4700 River Road
Unit 50
Riverdale, MD
20737-1232

This is in response to your October 26, 2009, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of the Animal welfare/health inspection reports from 2004 to 2009, pertaining to two facilities: UNC Research Facility, 1907 Orange Chapel Clover Garden Road, Orange County, and UNC Francis Owen Blood Research Laboratory, 125 University Lake Drive, Carrboro. Your request was received in this office on October 26, 2009, and assigned case number FOIA 10-046.

Please note that inspection reports and related documents are only maintained for three years in accordance with Agency's records retention schedule. Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located the enclosed seven pages of inspection reports that are responsive to your request. Information has been withheld under 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. In addition, we withheld the same information under 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.

Please be advised inspection reports are now available on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) website at the following address: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/inspection_list.shtml. Please see the enclosed stakeholder announcement for further information concerning the inspection reports.

You may appeal our partial denial 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, D.C. 20250-3401

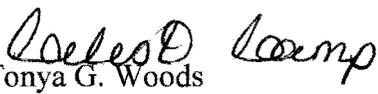
Please refer to FOIA 10-046 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, please provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

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Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. Should you have questions, please contact Ms. Sophie Lau-Lopez of this staff at (301) 734-5360.

Sincerely,

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Tonya G. Woods

Director

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