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Subject Re: Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding Alamogordo Primate Facility in New Mexico

- We have received your request. I have forwarded your request to our FOIA mailbox. Please in the future forward any requests to FOIA.Officer@aphis.usda.gov. You can also submit it through the APHIS FOIA website. I don't always see my emails or I may be out of the office - and that will keep your request from being logged in properly.

Thanks!!

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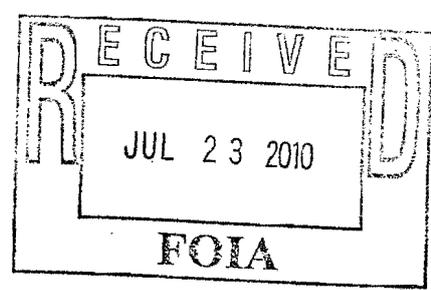
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding Alamogordo Primate

Facility in New Mexico

Dear Ms. Woods:

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, requests copies of the following:

Period: January 1, 2010 to present.

Scope: All documents related to the transport, movement, or relocation of chimpanzees from Alamogordo Primate Facility (APF)—located on Holloman Air Force Base (Holloman) in New Mexico—to other USDA-registered research facilities, including but not limited to Southwest National Primate Research Center in San Antonio, Texas. These documents should include the following:

- A. Contract(s) with vendor(s) for transport or other services associated with the movement of chimpanzees.
- B. Communications between USDA and others, including the Department of Health and Human Services (including the National Institutes of Health) and the Air Force.
- C. Animal health certificates or other documents related to the transport of chimpanzees from APF.

PCRM requests that USDA waive any fee, including search and duplication costs. A fee waiver is appropriate "if disclosure of information in the records is deemed to be in the public interest [in that] it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester." 7 C.F.R pt. 1, subpt. A app. § 6(a). Here, a fee waiver should be granted as 1) disclosure is in the public interest because furnishing the information is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the USDA and 2) it is not in PCRM's commercial interest.

Sincerely,

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