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Marketing and
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Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Service

Dear Mr. Douglass:

Legislative and
Public Affairs

This is in response to your April 25, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all communications concerning cultivation of GE crops on national wildlife refuges including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the Department of Interior. Your request was received in this office on April 26, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-440. We apologize for the delay in processing your request.

Freedom of
Information

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Biotechnology Regulatory Services employees conducted a thorough search of their files and enclosed are 21 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 representatives of the company.

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 11-440 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.

We were able to locate records which were referred to the United States Fish & Wildlife Services (FWS) because the records were under that agency's jurisdiction. There were 282 pages (possible duplicates) of responsive records which originated from FWS. The responsive records were directed to the following contact/address for processing:

Teri Jackson
FWS FOIA Office
Division of Information Resources
and Technology Management
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 380
Arlington, VA. 22203



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Because the cost to process your request was less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robbie Perry of my staff at (301) 734-8696.

Sincerely,



for
Tonya Woods
Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
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