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Dear Ms. Gomez:

This is in response to your April 1, 2010, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You sought all records involving Animal Welfare Act violations at all Charles River Laboratories, Inc., facilities (USDA registration number 14-R-0144), including, but not limited to, the final stipulations, from the year 2007 until the date of search. Your request was received in our office on April 1, 2010 and assigned case number FOIA 10-348. Please forgive the delay of this response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 125 pages of responsive records, which are contained on the enclosed CD-ROM. Please note that we have withheld portions of the information pursuant to the following FOIA Exemptions:

FOIA Exemption 2, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b) (2) High. This exemption protects agency practices and procedures from disclosure to prevent circumvention of agency regulations or statutes or impede the effectiveness of an agency's law enforcement activities. Some of the same information has been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 7, U.S.C. § 552(b) (7) (f). This exemption protects information that could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual. We withheld information pertaining to location of additional research facilities sites and internal Animal Care Penalty Worksheets.

Information has also been withheld pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U. S. C. § 552(b) (5). This exemption protects from disclosure inter-agency or intra-agency information that is predecisional and deliberative.

Exemption (b)(6) permit withholding of information which if released would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The same information has been withheld pursuant to 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. We withheld third party names, signatures, and titles.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
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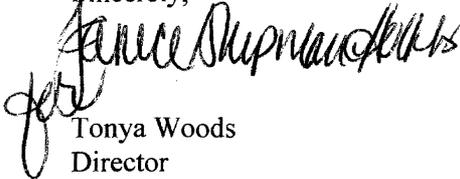
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Please refer to FOIA 10-348 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

Also contained on the CD-ROM is the file 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.

Due to the delay in processing your request all processing fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Melinda Hill of my staff at (301) 734-5974.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tonya Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Tonya Woods
Director
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Enclosure