



May 20, 2011

Carter Dillard
Animal Legal Defense Fund
170 E. Cotati Avenue
Cotati, California 94931

Dear Mr. Dillard:

This is in response to your January 28, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for any and all records created between January 1, 2000, to the present that pertain to or relate to foie gras, waterfowl (ducks or geese), housing, methods, quality, and sanitation for production of foie gras. Your request was received in this office on January 28, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-225. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located on the enclosed CD-ROM 131 documents that are responsive to your request. However, information is being 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.

Per a telephone conversation between Ms. Tamara Wade and Ms. Cromwell of your office on May 20, 2011, it was agreed upon to receive responsive records without certification. Ms. Cromwell also stated that she may request these same responsive records at a later date, but have them certified.

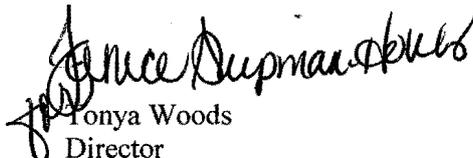
You may appeal our partial denial determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received at the following address within 45 days of the date of this letter:

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Ag Box 3401
Washington, DC 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-225 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.

Due to the delayed processing of your request, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tamara M. Wade of my staff at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,


Tonya Woods
Director
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act
Legislative and Public Affairs