



United States
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Ms. Terry Torrance

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Plant Health
Inspection
Service

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Dear Ms. Torrance:

Freedom of
Information

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Road
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This is a partial response to your March 8, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all owner/shipper papers and health certificates for all horses shipped to slaughter by LeRoy Baker/Sugarcreek Livestock Auction of Ohio from January 1, 2009 to most current. Your request was received in this office on March 8, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-311.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located on the enclosed CD-ROM are 246 documents that are responsive to your request. However, information has also 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. Names and license plates numbers were protected under this exemption.

My final response will provide you with your right to appeal, as well as enclose an invoice noting any charges due, if applicable. If you have any questions regarding the continued processing of your request, please feel free to contact me.

Also contained on the CD-ROM is 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.

Please note that the remainder of your request is still under review. We will continue to provide partial releases of the information you requested. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tamara M. Wade of my staff at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,


Tonya Woods
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