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Terry Torrance

Animal and  
Plant Health  
Inspection  
Service

Dear Ms. Torrance:

Legislative and  
Public Affairs

This is in response to your April 26, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for copies of all owner/shipper papers, VS 10-13, and copies of all VS 17-145, for horses shipped to slaughter by or for Rushmore Livestock. Your request was received in this office on April 27, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-446. We apologize for the delay in processing your request.

Freedom of  
Information

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Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and enclosed are two pages of responsive records. However, personal privacy information such as names and addresses have been withheld under Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 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. The release of this information will not shed any light on Government operations. Specifically, we have withheld the drivers' names and vehicle license numbers.

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 to:

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

Please refer to FOIA 11-446 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.

The fees pertaining to this request have been waived. If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact my staff on (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

  
Tonya Woods

Director  
Freedom of Information & Privacy Act  
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