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May 6, 2011

Ms. Judy Siling

Dear Ms. Siling:

This is in response to your February 18, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

1. Written/electronic correspondence to/from USDA personnel and any other party,
2. Phone logs identifying calls to/from USDA and any other party,
3. Documentation of specific requests made by any individual or group to the USDA on the relevant topics,
4. Informal/formal reports presented by USDA to any individual or group,
5. Copies of contracts or other agreements for services requested and/or performed,
6. Data collected from any related services performed.

Your request was received in this office on February 18, 2011, and assigned case number FOIA 11-273. We apologize for the delay of this request.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 147 pages of responsive documents on the enclosed CD-ROM. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). This exemption protects confidential business information from disclosure when its release would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of an individual, a partnership or corporation from whom the information was obtained. We withheld bank account numbers under this exemption.

Additionally, information has also been withheld under 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.

Finally, information has 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. We withheld third party names and personal identifiers under this exemption.



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You may appeal our partial denial release 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 11-273 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 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.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, all fees have been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tamara M. Wade of my staff at (301) 734-5268.

Sincerely,



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