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Dear Mr. Solomon:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 2, 2024 (request attached). Your request assigned number is 24-00444-FOIA, and it has been placed in our complex processing queue.

### **Extension of Time**

In unusual circumstances, an agency can extend the twenty-working-day limit to respond to a FOIA request.

We will require more than thirty working days to respond to your request because:

- We reasonably expect to consult with two or more Centers/Institutes/Offices, and
- We reasonably expect to consult with other federal Agencies.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, please contact the analyst handling your request Zachary Roberts at [ltk2@cdc.gov](mailto:ltk2@cdc.gov) or our FOIA Public Liaison, Bruno Viana at 770-488-6246. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services; National Archives and Records Administration; 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS; College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

### **Expedited Processing**

You requested that we expedite processing your request. Your request is denied because:

- You have failed to show that there is an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual.

### **Fee Category**

Because you are considered a “News Media requester,” you will not be charged fees unless you choose to receive responsive records in hard copy. (10 cents/page)

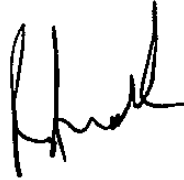
### **Appeal Rights**

You have the right to appeal the agency's expedited processing response to your request. You may file your appeal with the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, via the online portal at <https://requests.publiclink.hhs.gov/App/Index.aspx>. Your appeal must be electronically transmitted by April 2, 2024.

You may check on the status of your case on our FOIA webpage <https://foia.cdc.gov/app/Home.aspx> and entering your assigned request number. If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Zachary Roberts at [ltk2@cdc.gov](mailto:ltk2@cdc.gov).

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by March 25, 2024. Please know that this date roughly estimates how long it will take the Agency to close requests ahead of your request in the queue and complete work on your request. The actual date of completion might be before or after this estimated date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

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