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Via email: info@aflegal.org

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

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 July 20, 2023. Your request assigned number is 23-01470-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 an additional ten-working-days to respond to your request because:

- ☒ We reasonably expect to receive and review voluminous records in response to your request.
- ☐ We reasonably expect to consult with two or more C/I/O/s, or another HHS operating division or another federal agency about your request.
- ☐ We reasonably expect that records located would contain confidential commercial information. We are required to notify submitters of confidential information if their information is requested through a FOIA request. Submitters have 10 working days to object to the release of their information.

To process your request promptly, please consider narrowing the scope of your request to limit the number of responsive records. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handling your request Gilan Shamir at (404) 498-2436 or our FOIA Public Liaison, Roger Andoh at 770-488-6277. 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; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Fees and Fee Waivers

You requested that we waive fees associated with processing your request. Your request is granted.

Fee Category

Because you are considered an “Other requester” you are entitled to two hours of free search time, and up to 100 pages of duplication (or the cost equivalent of other media) without charge, and you will not be charged for review time. We may charge for search time beyond the first two hours and for duplication beyond the first 100 pages. (10 cents/page).

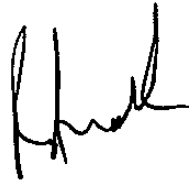
Cut-off-date

If you don’t provide us with a date range for your request, the cut-off date for your request will be the date the search for responsive records starts.

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 me at (770) 488-6277 or via email at mhu9@cdc.gov.

We reasonably anticipate that you should receive documents by September 5, 2023. 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 'R. Andoh', with a stylized, cursive script.

Roger Andoh
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