

## FOIA/PA REQUEST

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**FOIA REQUEST**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, I request access to and copies of:

1. Enforcement Actions, Notices of Violations, Civil Penalties Orders, if any, relating to the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, Suffolk County, New York (NRC Region I), which utilizes USDA/NRC Materials License Number 19-00915-03, for the period beginning with the granting of the license through the present date.;
2. Reports of safety concerns, reports of fraud, abuse, or waste, if any, relating to the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, Suffolk County, New York (NRC Region I), which utilizes USDA/NRC Materials License Number 19-00915-03, for the period beginning with the granting of the license through the present date;
3. Inspection Reports, if any, relating to the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, Suffolk County, New York (NRC Region I), which utilizes USDA/NRC Materials License Number 19-00915-03, for the period beginning with the granting of the license through the present date.
4. Documents from the NRC Office of Investigations regarding any investigations relating to the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, Suffolk County, New York (NRC Region I), which utilizes USDA/NRC Materials License Number 19-00915-03, for the period beginning with the granting of the license through the present date.
5. Allegations received, open, and substantiated, if any, relating to the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, Suffolk County, New York (NRC Region I), which utilizes USDA/NRC Materials License Number 19-00915-03, for the period beginning with the granting of the license through the present date.
6. The License and relevant Permits under which the Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Plum Island, Suffolk County, New York (NRC Region I) operates.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on the history of Plum Island, New York, the current site of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Research Center. It is of

current interest to the public because microbiology research on animals has been performed there since 1950 with the goal of protecting and defending the nation's livestock from accidental biological outbreak or deliberate attack. This information is being sought for dissemination to the general public. I am under contract with HarperCollins Publishers to write a history of Plum Island. A letter from my editor can be furnished upon request.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. The disclosure of the information regarding the history of Plum Island is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the United States' activities in protecting the nation's food supply against accidental or deliberate biological attack.

In the alternative, I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$25. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as an author and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone (both listed above), rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

In the interests of time and given the amount of potential material requested, I formally request an opportunity for a site visit to review the available materials. I look forward to your reply.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Michael C. Carroll

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