



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

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Frank Vera III


Dear Mr. Vera:

This letter is in regards to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 1, 2012 for the George Air Force Base Public Health Assessment (PHA) and articles cited in the reference section of that report.

On February 3, 2012, you called our office and said that you had received our final response to your request, stating that no records were found. You expressed surprise that there were no responsive records to your request.

Laura Spencer from our office called you later that same morning. Ms. Spencer stated that, at my request, she was personally researching your request and our response. Ms. Spencer apologized to you for what appeared to be an erroneous response to your request. She stated that she had located the PHA online and believed that records responsive to your request did exist. Ms. Spencer also cautioned you, however, that due to copyright law, we would be unable to provide to you any articles or reports that had been copyrighted. You requested that we provide a reason and description for any withholdings.

You asked how to file a petition with ATSDR to request an investigation of a site and possible exposure pathways. Ms. Spencer responded that the information for submitting a petition should be on the ATSDR website. She suggested that if you were unable to easily locate it, you should contact the CDC Info phone number on the website and tell them what you needed so that they could assist you. In case you have been unable to find that information, below is the address to which you may send a petition:

Petition Administrator
Division of Health Assessment and Consultation
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
4770 Buford Highway NE, (MS F-59),
Atlanta, GA 30341

Please see this link for more information on filing a petition, including a list of information that should be included with your petition: http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/hac/products/pha_petition.html.

Finally, you asked how long it would take to complete your request. Ms. Spencer responded that she estimated it would take 30 days.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Norris', written in a cursive style.

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