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Dear Mr. Largen:

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 17, 2022. Your request assigned number is 22-00731-FOIA, and it has been placed in our complex processing queue.

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 that two or more CDC centers, institutes, and offices (C/I/Os) may have responsive records.
- 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 Lita Aquino at 404-498-2501 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.

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.

You have not demonstrated that you are a person primarily engaged in disseminating information.

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You requested that we waive fees associated with processing your request, your request is denied because it doesn't meet the following criteria:

It will not reveal meaningful information about government operations or activities that are not already public knowledge.

You have failed to demonstrate that you disseminate information to the public.

You have failed to provide enough information to warrant a waiver of fees.

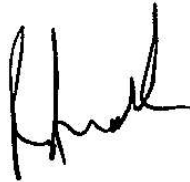
Because you are considered a "Commercial requester," you will be charged search, review and duplication fees. Duplication fees will be charged only if you choose to receive any responsive records in hard copy. (10 cents/page)

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 have the right to appeal the agency's expedited processing and/or fee waiver 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 20, 2022.

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 404-498-2501 or via email at FAquino@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,



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