

November 5, 2014

Food and Drug Administration Division of Freedom of Information Office of the Executive Secretariat, OC 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1035 Rockville, MD 20857

**RE:** Freedom of Information Act Request for Records Regarding FDA's Sampling Data Collected under the CVM Raw Milk Drug Residue Survey.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) is a nonprofit public-interest organization representing the interests of consumers. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, CSPI respectfully requests the data collected by the Center for Veterinary Medicine under its Raw Milk Drug Residue Survey.

CSPI requests a waiver of fees for processing this Freedom of Information Act request. This request includes search, review, and duplication charges, on the grounds that the records subject to the request are not being sought for any commercial purpose, and their disclosure will be "in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Government." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A). CSPI is a nonprofit advocacy and education organization focusing on food safety, nutrition, alcohol and other health related issues. In the alternative, CSPI requests a waiver of fees as a member of the media by virtue of its publication of *Nutrition Action Healthletter*. CSPI regularly publishes reports based, in part, on information acquired through the Freedom of Information Act in *Nutrition Action Healthletter*. Many reports can be accessed on our web site at <a href="www.cspinet.org">www.cspinet.org</a>. Those reports are distributed to consumers, journalists, public interest groups, academics, and other interested parties free of charge or, in the case of our newsletter, at low cost.

Please let me know if there is any reason the agency will not be able to respond within the statutory time limit. My mailing address is 1220 L Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005-4053. If you have any questions concerning this request, you may contact me at 202-777-8319 (email: dplunkett@cspinet.org).

Sincerely,

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