

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta GA 30333 February 17, 2015

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Dear Mr. Love:

This letter is in response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 2, 2009, pertaining to documents relating to IP aspects of pandemics.

Enclosed are the documents you requested. (184 pages). A search of our records did not yield any documents pertaining to items #3 and #4 of your request.

Certain portions of confidential commercial/financial information, disclosure of which would cause the submitter substantial competitive harm, were deleted. These deletions were made under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4) of the Act and 45 CFR 5.65 of the Department's implementing regulations.

We are withholding predecisional internal communications. Release of this type of predecisional internal material would interfere with the agency's deliberative process. This decision is based upon the Act at 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5) and the Department's implementing regulation at 45 CFR 5.66(a).

Under authority of the Freedom of Information Act at 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) and the Department's implementing regulation at 45 CFR 5.67, names and other information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, were deleted from these documents.

You have the right to appeal this decision to deny you full access to agency records. Send your appeal, within 30 days from the date you receive this letter to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 19-01, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal."

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Documents generated by other agencies were found in our search. In accordance with the Department's implementing regulations at 45 CFR §5.23, CDC does not make decisions on the release or denial of other agencies' documents. We have referred these documents, along with your request, to those agencies for their release determination and direct reply to you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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