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Riverdale, MD  
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Julie Caramante

Dear Ms. Caramante:

This is in response to your November 17, 2005, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for information, dated from January 1, 2005, to November 17, 2005, pertaining to the Beltex Corporation's horse slaughter plant. Specifically, you requested violations of the "Commercial Transport of Equines to Slaughter Act" and any subsequent penalties assessed. Your request was received in this office on November 17, 2005, and assigned case number FOIA 06-108. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Enclosed on a CD-ROM are 906 pages of responsive records. However, information has been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This same information has also been withheld under FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

We are withholding nine pages in their entirety under FOIA Exemptions 6 and 7C, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), (b)(7)(c). These pages include one hand-written affidavit and an eight-page personal summary report.

You may appeal our denial determination. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received at the following address within 45 days of the date of this letter.

Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Ag Box 3401  
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 06-108 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

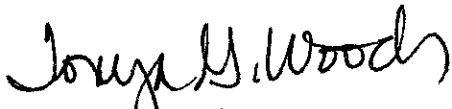


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Also contained on the CD-ROM is rp505enu.exe, which is a free copy of Adobe® Acrobat® Reader™ needed to view the responsive records. By opening rp505enu.exe and following the on-screen instructions, you will install Adobe Reader. After the installation, Adobe Reader should render the PDF files correctly.

Because the cost to process your request is less than \$25.00, the fee has been waived. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Glendora Gilchrist of my staff at (301) 734-0601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tonya G. Woods". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tonya" being more prominent than the last name "Woods".

Tonya G. Woods  
Director  
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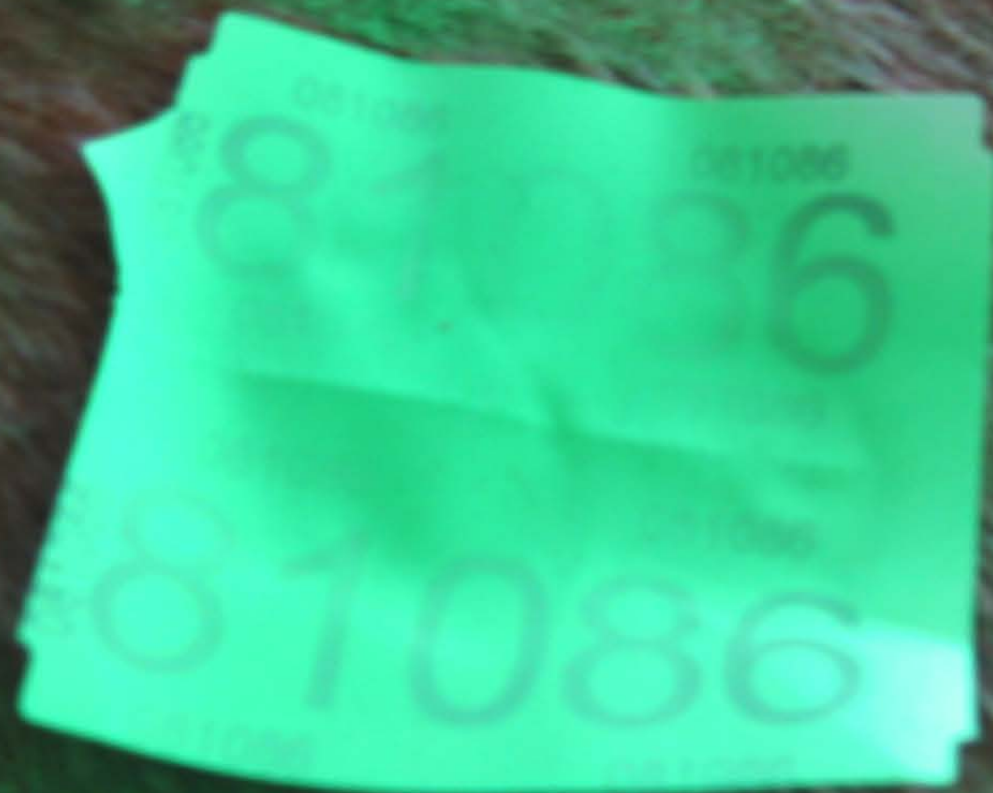
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TRUCKER JIM GADBERRY

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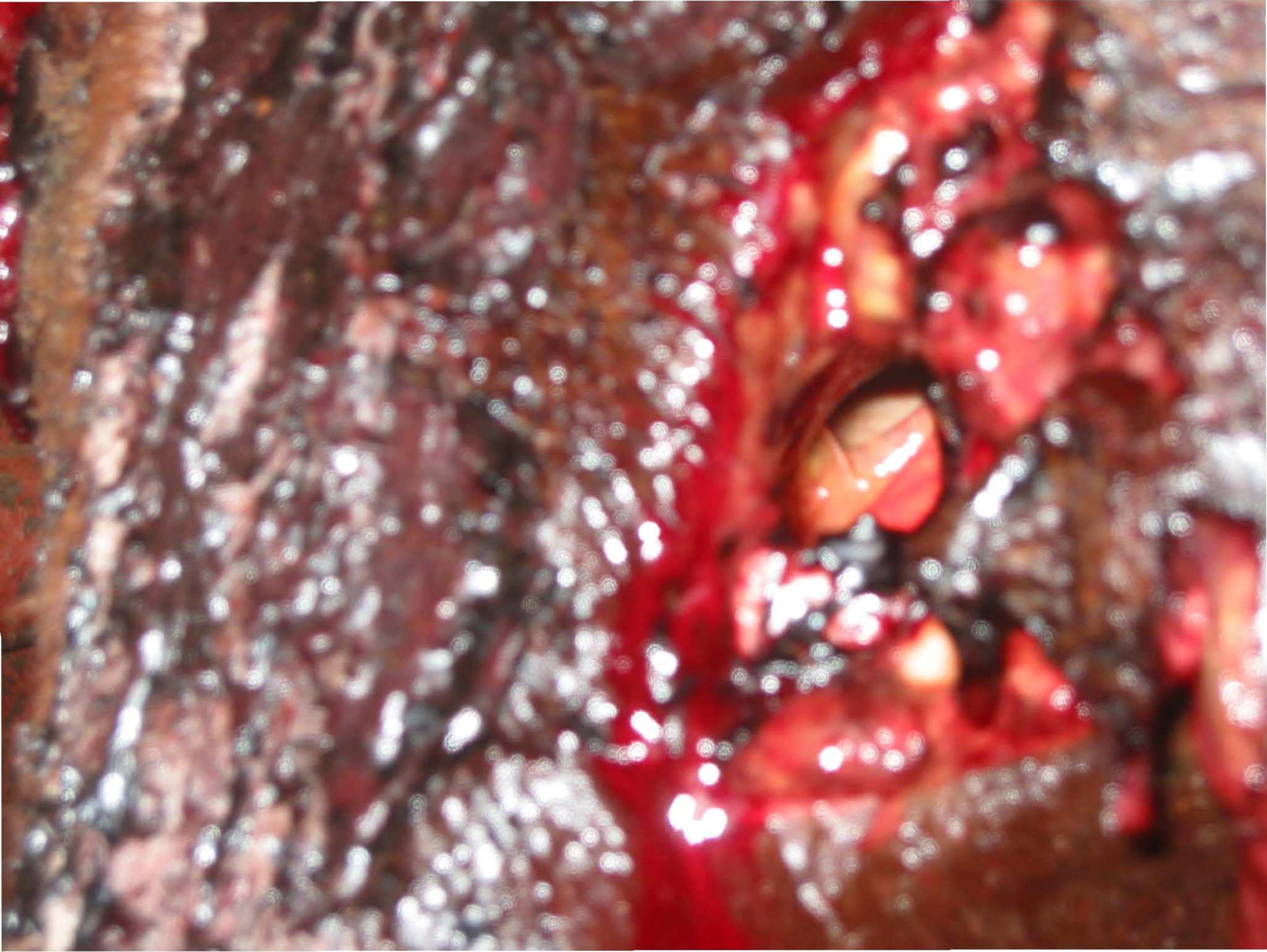
























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