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Re: Case No. 201400205
NG: CM: CL

Dear [REDACTED]:

This responds to your December 30, 2013 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received on December 31, 2013 via mail. On behalf of your client, [REDACTED], you requested our assistance with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, No. FDA [REDACTED], to the Federal Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM). We are sorry for our delay in responding to your request for assistance. Until recently, we were short staffed and not responding to requests as quickly as we would like.

Congress created OGIS to complement existing FOIA practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

We carefully reviewed your submission of information, and we understand that you were concerned by the delays in the agency's response to your client's FOIA request. In your correspondence to OGIS, you noted, "the agency has refused to set a schedule for the rolling release of all remaining documents held by it." You requested OGIS's assistance in obtaining a schedule for the rolling release of all remaining responsive documents.

We contacted CVM Government Information Specialist Gorka Garcia-Malene to learn more about your request. Based on our communications with Mr. Garcia-Malene, I understand that he reached out to you and you mutually agreed upon a schedule for interim releases. Mr. Garcia-Malene reports that his agency is sending [REDACTED] at least 400 responsive pages per month. The agency has several thousand more pages of records to review, but he says that his office actively processing these records.



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We are pleased to hear that through direct communication between you and CMS, you agreed upon a production schedule that works for you both. Thank you for bringing this matter to OGIS. We will take no further action on your submission and consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki Gramian". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Nikki Gramian, Acting Director
Office of Government Information Services

cc: Gorka Garcia-Malene, CVM Government Information Specialist, via email

We appreciate your feedback. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OGIS> to take a brief anonymous survey on the service you received from OGIS.