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From: Chrysti Shain
To: Trainor, Clare (Reuters)
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Hi Clare,

I saw your request come in and wanted to reach out to see if I can answer your questions.

SCDC has seven living units/dorms that do not have air conditioning. About 91.4 percent of our inmates live in units that have air conditioning; 8.6 percent of our inmates live in seven housing units that are not air conditioned -- 1,396 inmates of our total 16,221 inmates.

SCDC Director Bryan Stirling has worked diligently to get money allocated to retrofit the units that do not have AC, and projects are in progress in six of the seven units

The units without AC have industrial fans in the ceilings, ice machines and other mechanisms to help cool the units. Inmates also can have fans in their cells if they want.

Some of the inmates who live in these units volunteer to do so as part of our character program.

If you have questions or need further information, please let me know.

Best,
Chrysti

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From: Trainor, Clare (Reuters) <Clare.Trainor@thomsonreuters.com>
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South Carolina Department of Corrections

To the Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, I request the following public records from the South Carolina Department of Corrections:

- A spreadsheet or electronic record indicating presence of air conditioning in the housing areas of each adult prison operated by the South Carolina Department of Corrections, with the address of the prison included in a column.
- A spreadsheet or electronic record containing information on the construction finish date of each adult prison building operated by the South Carolina Department of Corrections, with the address of the prison included in a column.

As a representative of the news media affiliated with Reuters News, I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in our commercial interest.

Please include any documentation, including record layouts and code sheets, detailing the structure and design of the records.

If this request is denied, in whole or in part, please provide me with the part of the statute on which the denial or redaction is based. I look forward to your response no later than 10 business days from today, per the timeline established in the statute.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need clarification or can suggest an easier way for me to get the information I am requesting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
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