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Washington, DC 20528

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Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655

December 14, 2010

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Jean Carter-Johnson
FOIA/PA Officer
Room 10641, SSMC-3
1315 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281

Re: **DHS/OS/PRIV 10-1082**

Dear Ms. Carter-Johnson:

Please refer to the enclosed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, perfected on August 5, 2010, and referred on September 16, 2010, by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Privacy, for processing. Angela Herslet of Weitz & Luxenberg, PC, is seeking records regarding "all logs, charts, maps, databases, flight plans, photographs, videos, mission/sortie reports and communications (including email messages) relating to the aerial application of dispersants in the Gulf of Mexico by either the United States armed forces or by private entities (including in the State waters of FL, LA, MS, and AL, as well as in Federal waters) since the Deepwater Horizon caught fire on April 20, 2010," specifically:

1. The dates of all flights and the departure airport, the time of day of each flight and its duration;

2. The identification of the aircraft used for each flight, its payload capacity, and the volume of dispersant on board at the time of departure and at return;

3. The type of dispersant used (including what kind of Corexit, for example, Corexit 9500 or Corexit 9527A) for each flight;

4. The locations where the dispersant was to be sprayed for each flight, the locations where the dispersant was actually sprayed for each flight;

5. The identity of the operator of each flight, the names and identities (including governmental agency affiliation) of any person involved in the decision-making of where to spray, how much, how often, etc., as well as

6. The names and identities of persons involved in the loading or unloading of dispersant onto aircraft and of those involved in the application of dispersants; and

7. Any communication to and/or from vessels of opportunity (VOs) about the location/coordinates of oil and/or the need for aerial spraying of dispersants or the intention to target such areas.

While processing this FOIA request, we identified records totaling 35 pages that contain information that may be of interest to your agency. Please review this information [bracketed in red] and return the documents to us, making any necessary deletions and citing any exemptions claimed. Also, please enclose a copy of your agency appeal procedures. The DHS will respond directly to the requester, giving the requester your agency appeal rights for your agency's withholding determinations.

Please return the documents, your comments, and appeal procedures to:

Department of Homeland Security
Privacy Office FOIA, Mail Stop 0655
245 Murray Lane, SW
Arlington, VA 20598-0655
703-235-0443 (Fax)
elizabeth.moss@dhs.gov

Please reference **DHS/OS/PRIV 10-1082** in your response.

Thank you in advance for your courteous assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact this office at 703-235-0790 or 866-431-0486.

Sincerely,

for Sabrina Burroughs
Disclosure & FOIA Operations Manager

Enclosures: FOIA Request
Responsive Documents (35 pages)

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During our search for responsive records, we located five pages of records that originated within the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration (NOAA). Therefore, I am transferring this request, along with those responsive documents, to the FOIA Officer for NOAA for processing under the FOIA and direct response to you. You may contact the NOAA FOIA Officer at:

NOAA
Room 10641, SSMC-3
1314 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3281
Phone: (301) 713-3540, ext. 209

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **DHS/OS/PRIV 10-1082.** This office can be reached at (703) 235-0790.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director, Disclosure & FOIA Operations