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Dear Jean Carter-Johnson,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, msnbc.com seeks access to and copies of all records pertaining to the panels of expert seafood sensory assessors being trained and assigned to evaluate seafood samples in connection with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Msnbc.com specifically requests the names and usual employers of these expert assessors, who have been retained by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, and the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, to determine when it's safe for the public to consume seafood from waters contaminated by and surrounding the massive spill.

If you determine that any portions of these documents are exempt under either statute, I expect you to release the non-exempt portions to me as the law requires. If you deny my request, I expect you to cite the relevant statute or decision that supports the denial.

These testers play a key role in determining safety of the public seafood supply and information about their duties and findings is key to public knowledge. Accordingly, msnbc.com requests an expedited response to this request, which by law compels a response within 10 working days of this notice. Otherwise, the law requires a response within 20 working days of this notice.

Msnbc.com agrees to pay reasonable fees incurred in the copying of these documents. If you have questions about fees or about any other aspect of this request, please contact me by telephone at 425-705-1839 or 541-840-8409.

Thanks for your attention. I look forward to your prompt reply

Sincerely,
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Jean Carter-Johnson

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Dear Jean Carter-Johnson,
Attached please find a FOIA request from msnbc.com, the online news site.
We respectfully request an expedited review for this crucial public health issue.

Thanks for your attention,

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