



United States Department of Agriculture

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Jay Fannesbeck
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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request
FOIA Number 2019-NRCS-00063-FP

Dear Mr. Fannesbeck:

This is a final response letter to your FOIA request, dated February 13, 2019 and submitted to my office via e-mail. Via e-mail you requested: Electronic copies of Mr. Clinton Aston's recently funded 2016 - 2017 EQIP project which involved the construction of a mainline and center pivotCopies, the signature page for the contract appendix and, the form number for this particular page the NRCS-CPA-1202-CPC. Also, by telephone we discussed your request for the contract amount awarded, the date of the award, and the contract number.

In response to your request NRCS may provide the following information: The contract number you have requested is 740211170BQ. EQIP contract 740211170BQ was obligated May 18, 2017 for a total dollar amount of \$42,509.00.

After a thorough review of your request it was determined that the portion of your request related to the construction design pertains specifically to Clinton Aston's agricultural operations and land itself. FOIA exemption 3 authorizes withholding information prohibited from disclosure by another federal statute. In this instance, 7 U.S.C. § 8791 (section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill) prohibits the release of information provided by agricultural producers or owners of agricultural land, pertaining to agricultural operations, farming, conservation practices, or the land itself, in order to participate in programs of the Department. The CPA1202-CPC Appendix is exempt from disclosure under the Privacy Act which excludes Personal Identifiable Information from release.

A partial denial of records constitutes an adverse action. You have the right to appeal an adverse determination. Your appeal must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. When filing an appeal, please include your name, date of initial decision, and copy of the partial release letter, justification to reverse the decision and FOIA request number. The appellant authority for adverse decision made by the National FOIA Officer, is the Chief of NRCS.



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If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (208) 378-5713 or via email at mary.goode@id.usda.gov. Please reference FOIA Number 2015-NRCS-04786-F when inquiring about this request.

Sincerely,



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