



Homeland Security

November 30, 2007

The Honorable John Dingell
U.S. House of Representatives
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Dingell:

As I requested in my letters of September 28 and October 25, our staffs met on November 15 regarding your Committee's investigation on the Plum Island Animal Disease Center (PIADC) and the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility (NBAF) and they were able to refine the scope of the records requested in your letter of September 20. I believe that the attached documents respond to your request.

Please contact the Department's Office of Legislative Affairs with any other questions regarding the proposed NBAF or PIADC. Additionally, staff of the Science and Technology Directorate continues to be available at any time to further brief you or your Committee members regarding the proposed NBAF, PIADC, or any other issue relating to the Science and Technology Directorate.

I have sent a similar letter to Chairman Stupak.

Thank you for your interest in the proposed NBAF and in PIADC and for your service to the Committee and the Nation.

Sincerely, *Very respectfully,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay M. Cohen".

Jay M. Cohen
Under Secretary for Science and Technology

Encl: a/s

**cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
The Honorable Peter King
The Honorable James Langevin
The Honorable Michael McCaul
The Honorable Collin Peterson
The Honorable David Price
The Honorable Harold Rogers
The Honorable Bennie Thompson
The Honorable Edward Whitfield
The Honorable Charles Connors**