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RE: 2019-FSIS-00018-F  
*GCP MOIs at various plants*

Dear Ms. Thompson:

This is the first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), dated October 10, 2018, in which you requested a copy A copy of Good Commercial Practices documents related to poultry slaughter, from May 18, 2018 to September 30, 2018. FSIS received your request on October 10, 2018.

The FSIS FOIA staff works with subject matter experts across the Agency to locate responsive documents. For this request, we conducted a records search in the Office of Planning, Analysis and Risk Management. FSIS' search began on October 11, 2018 and includes responsive records in our control on that date.

For this release, we have processed 175 pages that are responsive to your request. After a thorough review, we have determined that portions of the records are exempt from disclosure under (b)(4) and (b)(6) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. Accordingly, this request is granted in part.

Portions of the responsive records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 4 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). Exemption 4 protects trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

Portions of the responsive records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). Exemption 6 protects information that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of an individual's personal privacy. The types of information withheld under Exemption 6 include the names, addresses, or cell phone numbers of employees of Establishments and third parties, including, but not limited to interviewees or customers.

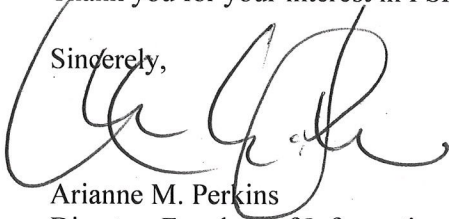
FSIS will continue to process records responsive to your request and will forward them promptly upon completion of review. As this is not a final response to your FOIA request, we request that you reserve your right to appeal. We will include your appeal rights in our final release.

If you have any questions about the way this request was handled, please contact Tim Poe at 202-690-1787 or via email at [Ilaria.Bangara@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Ilaria.Bangara@fsis.usda.gov). If you have general questions about FSIS' FOIA procedures or regulations, please contact me at 202-690-2760 or via email at [Arianne.Perkins@usda.gov](mailto:Arianne.Perkins@usda.gov).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Thank you for your interest in FSIS programs and policies.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Be Food Safe: **CLEAN:** Wash Hands and Surfaces Often **SEPARATE:** Separate Raw Meats from Other Foods  
**COOK:** Cook To The Right Temperature **CHILL:** Refrigerate Food Promptly