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April 21, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) OFFICERS, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, MILITARY DEPARTMENTS, AND DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY

SUBJECT: FOIA Requests Concerning Animal Research and/or Live Tissue Training

On February 27, 2018, the Chief, DoD FOIA Policy, issued the attached memorandum advising that FOIA requests for records concerning animal research or live tissue training should be coordinated with the Animal Research Protection Programs within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

The contact information for such coordination has changed. Therefore, before responding to these FOIA requests, please send a copy of your proposed response, properly redacted and ready for release to the public, to the Director, Animal Protection Programs at osd.mc-alex.ousd-r-e.mbx.dod-animal-research-protection-programs@mail.mil. We ask that you do not respond to the requestor until you are advised that review is complete.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Policy Mailbox at <u>mc-alex.oatsd-pclt.mbx.foia-policy@mail.mil</u>.

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The Associate Director, Animal Protections Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, contacted this office and advised us that they would like to see proposed component responses prior to any releases, in response to a FOIA request, to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, or anyone else asking for information concerning animal research or live tissue training.

Therefore, before you respond to any of these FOIA requests, please send a copy of your proposed response that has been properly redacted and ready for release to the public to the Associate Director, Animal Protection Programs at dtic.belvoir.pm.list.animalreg@mail.mil. We ask that you hold off on responding to the requestor until that office advises you its review is complete.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

James P. Hogan Chief, DoD FOIA Policy