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Dear Mr. Vera:

This letter is in response to your telephone call of January 27, 2012, and your subsequent email dated January 27, 2012, in which you inquire about the status of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 2, 2012, in which you requested records pertaining to a public health assessment regarding George Air Force Base, Victoriaville, California, December 1, 1998.

You indicated in your email that you did not receive an acknowledgement letter. We apologize for that error. You also indicated that CDC had not met the 20-day deadline for responding to your request. Under the provisions of the Open Government Act of 2007, agencies operating under "unusual or exceptional" circumstances are directed to follow the court-approved first-in, first-out method of processing requests. CDC meets the criteria described under the Open Government Act of 2007; thus, all requests are handled on that basis.

A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.

You have the right to appeal this decision to deny you full access to agency records. Send your appeal, within 30 days from the date you receive this letter, to the Director, News Division, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 920, Bethesda, Maryland 20857 (by United States Postal Service), or 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 920, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (if sent through a private courier, United Parcel Service or Federal Express). **Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal."**

Sincerely yours,

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