



# Homeland Security

*Privacy Office, Mail Stop 0655*

April 18, 2019

**SENT VIA EMAIL TO: Zhou@epic.org**

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Re: **2018-HQFO-01098**

Dear Ms. Zhou:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), dated June 18, 2018, and received by this office on June 18, 2018. You are seeking records regarding: (1) The required PIA conducted for HART; (2) Any Privacy Threshold Analysis or similar initial privacy assessment that assessed the need for a PIA for HART.

A search of the Department of Homeland Security, Privacy Office for records responsive to your request produced 23 pages. After review of those documents, I have determined that 19 pages will be released in their entirety and 4 pages are partially releasable pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552, (b)(6). FOIA Exemptions 6. There is currently no PIA at this time upon completion it will be publicly available.

Enclosed are 23 pages with certain information withheld as described below:

**FOIA Exemption 6** exempts from disclosure personnel or medical files and similar files the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information. Any private interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

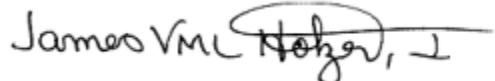
You have a right to appeal the above withholding determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Privacy Office, Attn: FOIA Appeals, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW, Mail Stop 0655, Washington, D.C. 20528-0655, following the procedures outlined in the DHS FOIA regulations at 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.8. Your envelope and letter should be marked

“FOIA Appeal.” Copies of the FOIA and DHS FOIA regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS 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; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst below who processed your request and refer to **2018-HQFO-01098**. You may send an e-mail to [foia@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:foia@hq.dhs.gov), call 202-343-1743 or toll free 1-866-431-0486, or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James V.M. Holzer, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" at the beginning.

James Holzer  
Department of Homeland Security  
Deputy Chief FOIA Officer

Enclosure(s): 23 pages