



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



Case No. 2014-0345

Freedom of Information Act Office  
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330 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington DC 20201

March 10, 2014

John Hnatio, EdD, PhD  
FoodQuestTQ LLC  
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Dear Dr. Hnatio:

This is in response to the March 5, 2014, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), requesting the status of the complaint you submitted regarding gross fraud, waste and abuse that was taking place at the Department of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration.

Your request as to the disposition of your complaint poses a question, which is outside the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, through which individuals may request records. However, the OIG Hotline Operations conducted a search and had indeed received your complaint.

There is no charge for FOIA services in this instance because billable fees are under the Department's \$25 cost effective threshold.

The OIG Hotline provides an avenue to report fraud and abuse in the programs and initiatives administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Hotline screens all submissions to determine whether the situation falls under the jurisdiction of the OIG and whether there is sufficient information to pursue the matter further.

<http://www.hhs.gov/faq/about/waste/737.html>.

Sincerely,

  
Robin R. Brooks  
Director  
Freedom of Information