

Food and Drug Administration
Division of Freedom of Information
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The Food and Drug Administration has pirated our copyrighted research, patent and trade secrets to plagiarize and duplicate our suite of computer driven software tools designed to enhance food safety and food defense.

The five tools duplicated by the Food and Drug Administration are:

1. Food Defense Plan Builder
2. Food Defense Mitigation Strategies Database
3. iRisk
4. Food Related Emergency Exercise Boxed (FREE-B)
5. Post 2007 Updates to C.A.R.V.E.R. plus SHOCK

Our prior requests for conceptualization and design information and any associated source code for the above tools was previously denied by the Office of General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of this letter is to officially request, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, all record documentation relating to the conceptualization, design, and reduction to practice of the above tools including all associated computer source code.

We request expedited processing since the results of this request may indicate the existence of gross fraud waste and abuse in the Food and Drug Administration. The existence of gross fraud waste and abuse involving employees responsible for the safety and security of the U.S. food supply represents a real and imminent threat to the safety of the U.S. public.

We also request that fees for providing the above information be waived based on the requestor's status as a free-lance journalist who intends to broadly publish the results of this Freedom of Information Act request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Hnatio".

John H. Hnatio, EdD, PhD
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cc: Dan Levinson, OIG-HHS