



September 21, 2006

Mr. John Alter
President
Arkansas Rice Growers Association
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Re: September 6, 2006, Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Alter: *John*

I write in response to your letter of September 6, 2006, requesting records of the USA Rice Federation pursuant to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

At the outset, I would like to say that the USA Rice Federation has been working very hard on behalf of rice growers in Arkansas and elsewhere since news of the Bayer LLRICE601 event broke. At the time the LLRICE601 event became known on August 18, 2006, and as of September 6, 2006, the date of your letter, there was no formal legal committee within the Federation. The structure and resources of the Federation required to deal with this event have been constantly changing as the response demands have changed and continue to change.

I am advised that the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act does not apply to the USA Rice Federation. Even if it did, I am further advised that the information and documents you request in items 1-4 and 6 clearly would not be covered and that the information and documents in item 5 would be unlikely to be covered. However, I note that item 5 of your letter requests documents that are in the possession of the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board, which is subject to the Act and should be able to provide all such documents to you. I would assume that you are familiar with the records of the ARRPB, as you hold a seat on that Board.

Please direct your request to the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board.

Sincerely,

Stuart E. Proctor, Jr.
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President and CEO

cc: Brandy Carroll, Administrator, Arkansas Rice Research & Promotion Board

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