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Re: *Petition for Review of Public Records Fee Waiver Denial: Oregon Department of Agriculture Records*

Dear Mr. Hunsberger:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for review of the denial by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) of your request to waive the fees for a public records request under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on April 19, 2001, asks the Attorney General to direct the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to waive its fees for a public records request you made on April 10, 2001.

We understand from Debbie Gorham, Division Administrator, that on April 17, 2001, ODA allowed you to inspect the agency records and provided you with copies of the records that you requested. Ms. Gorham informs us that ODA will waive the $ 45.00 fees charged by the agency at that time to cover its costs of supervising your inspection and the associated copying costs. Because ODA has agreed to waive these fees, we respectfully deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

PETER D. SHEPHERD
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c: Debbie Gorham, ODA