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Dear Shelly Hipson:

Re: We need more time to process your request – 2021-01821-HEA

We received your application for access under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* on October 4, 2021. You requested:

> *I would like copies of all records that are forwarded from Nova Scotia to the Public Health Agency of Canada's Canadian Adverse Events Following Immunization Surveillance System (CAEFISS) and Health Canada's Canada Vigilance program that were used to create the following breakdown of information (see attached) (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/19/2020 To 9/30/2021)*

I wish to advise you that the Department of Health and Wellness has found it necessary to extend the 30-day decision-response time on your application for an additional 30 days to December 3, 2021.

The reason for this extension is a large volume of records has been requested and meeting the time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the public body. We are thus claiming an extension under Section 9(1)(b).

If you are not in agreement with our decision to extend, you may contact the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer) directly in writing at PO Box 181, Halifax, NS B3J 2M4 or by telephone at (902) 424-4684 (within HRM) or toll-free at 1-866-243-1564.

If we fail to respond to your application by the end of the extension period specified above, then within 60 days after the end of the extension period, you have the right to request a review by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner in the same manner indicated above.

Thank you for your patience during this period.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this notification, please contact me at 902-424-6920 or by e-mail at melinda.frelick@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

Melinda Frelick
IAP Administrator