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Via Electronic Mail

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RE: FOIA Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 15512

Dear Mr. Reuter:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information pursuant to section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f) (West 2010).

On May 10, 2011, [REDACTED] of AECOM submitted a FOIA request for information on Spaulding Composites Inc. In its written notice, IEPA asserts that a certain document is a pre-decisional recommendation which is exempt under 7(1)(f).

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memorandum and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body."

DETERMINATION

The IEPA's use of the exemption in section 7(1)(f) to withhold the pre-decisional recommendation regarding Spaulding Composites Inc. is **approved**. We have concluded that the withheld document is an internal document in which recommendations and opinions are expressed and are being utilized by the IEPA in formulating an action regarding a specific matter. IEPA asserts that this document has not been publicly cited or identified by IEPA's Director. Accordingly, the IEPA has met its initial burden of demonstrating that the withheld documents are exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(f).

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If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Friedewald at (217) 558-1926.
This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Very truly yours,

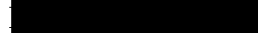


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