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April 15, 2011

Trisha Crowley  
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City of Champaign  
102 North Neil Street  
Champaign, IL 61821

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13287  
Requester: Grant Antoline, Champaign County Healthcare Consumers

Dear Ms. Crowley:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the City of Champaign of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

On March 14, 2011, Mr. Grant Antoline submitted a FOIA request that included eight numbered requests relating to environmental testing and remediation. In its notice, the City asserts that certain emails containing communications between City staff are exempt under Section 7(1)(f).

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda 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.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

**Determination**

We have determined that the City’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(f) to withhold the emails is approved. These emails contain discussions in which the City’s policy and actions were formulated, and the City asserts that these emails have not been publicly cited or identified by the Mayor. We conclude that the City has sustained its initial burden of demonstrating that these documents are exempt under Section 7(1)(f).

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Accordingly, the City may issue a partial denial letter directly to Mr. Antoline. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Public Access Counselor

cc: Grant Antoline  
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