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November 23, 2010

Mr. Thomas J. Reuter  
Acting FOIA Officer  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
Springfield, IL 62794

Re: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 10761  
FOIA Requester: Environmental Resources Management – Joseph Ciccotelli

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 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On October 21, 2010, Mr. Joseph Ciccotelli submitted a FOIA request to IEPA for SRP technical, FOS, compliance, permits, and ground water records regarding the Total Metal Recycling Inc. facility in Granite City.

In its written notice, the IEPA asserts that twelve documents contained within the requested records have been withheld from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

**Determination**

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 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.”

The IEPA’s use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption with regard to the withheld documents is **approved**. After review, our office has determined that the withheld documents contain memoranda, preliminary observations, opinions and recommendations. Further, the IEPA has indicated that these documents have not been publicly cited by the Director of the IEPA. Accordingly, the IEPA has met its burden of demonstrating that the withheld documents are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-2138. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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