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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 11223  
Requester: Jacob Frost, Wimbiscus Law Firm, P.C.

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 as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). On November 16, 2010, Mr. Jacob Frost requested information regarding a facility named New Jersey Zinc/Mobil Chemical. The IEPA asserts that certain of the responsive records are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

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 IEPA’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(f) with regard to these documents is approved. These documents are drafts subject to revision or are internal memoranda that contain opinions and recommendations and were used to formulate actions. The IEPA asserts that these records have not been publicly cited or identified by the Director of the IEPA. Thus, the IEPA has met its initial burden of showing that these records are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f).

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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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