



RE: FW: FOIA Requests

Tom Irwin to: Mark Stein

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From: Tom Irwin <tirwin@clf.org>
To: Mark Stein/R1/USEPA/US@EPA

History: This message has been forwarded.

Hi Mark,

Thank you for your email; I'm sorry I missed your call on Friday.

This is to confirm that CLF is willing to narrow the scope of its February 25, 2012 FOIA requests to exclude internal EPA emails. In doing so, we do not waive the right to request such records in the future, pursuant to a separate FOIA request.

I hope to have a determination of our fee waiver request shortly, and will circle back to you when that issue has been resolved.

Thanks again,
Tom

From: Mark Stein [mailto:Stein.Mark@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 9:10 AM
To: Tom Irwin
Cc: Cristeen Schena
Subject: Re: FW: FOIA Requests

Hi Tom -

In response to your request, as discussed over the phone and in voice-mails last week, please find attached below a copy of the information request letter Region 1 sent to PSNH under CWA section 308 on March 22, 2012.

In addition, I understood from your voice-mail that you are willing to narrow the scope of your FOIA request to exclude internal EPA communications (e.g., emails between EPA personnel only). If my understanding is correct, please send me an email (or some other form or written communication) to confirm it. I believe that narrowing the scope of your request in this way is very likely to exclude from your request material that is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the FOIA and should, as a result, lessen our workload in responding to your FOIA request.

I also understand that you are going to make another effort to obtain the fee waiver approval from EPA Headquarters. Therefore, we will hold off on working on this matter until that is squared away, one way or the other. That way, if you do not obtain the fee waiver, we can decide how you want to proceed.

Thanks.

(See attached file: EPA letter to PSNH 308 re FGD 3-22-12.pdf)

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