



December 19, 2025

VIA Email: Anwar.Johnson@illinois.gov

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Records Mgmt.
2520 W Iles Ave
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Dear Sharon Dowson:

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I. Records Request

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/1, *et seq.*, we request the following:

1. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations identifying an increase in harmful air pollutants, including nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, or greenhouse gas emissions, within the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to present.
2. All records identifying or documenting adverse effects on Illinois’ (a) navigational safety interests; (b) transportation interests; (c) state security interests; (d) state commercial or economic interests; and (e) marine mammals within the state, that the agency has assessed, analyzed, or communicated after January 20, 2025, to present.
3. All records of any agency findings, assessments, analyses, or determinations for cancellations of wind-energy projects that have resulted in documented adverse climate effects to the State of Illinois after January 20, 2025, to present.

II. Fee Waiver Request

We understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records. 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/6(c). However, the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought in the public interest. A waiver is in the public interest when “the principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit.”

III. Conclusion

We look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3. If access to the requested records takes longer, please provide information about when the records might be expected. If any or all parts of this request are denied, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the records and provide notification of the appeal procedures available under the law. If you have any questions about this request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records, then please contact us at foia@aflegal.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
/s/ Bobby Crossin
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