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Re: FOIA 14-508

Dear Ms. Ginest:

I am responding to your request dated July 21, under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act in which you request:

“All documents related to the following:
(1) the Bunge Milling, Inc. site on US Route 150 east of Oakwood, Illinois, and
(2) any alleged drainage from the Bunge Milling site to the Kickapoo State Park Pond #6.

We are also requesting all documents, including, but not limited to the following:
(1) all communications between DNR and the Illinois State Water Survey related to the Bunge Milling site and the July 5, 2013 inspection performed by the ISWS, including, but not limited to, DNR’s request for ISWS to perform the July 5, 2013 inspection and sampling,
(2) all chain of custody and lab reports for samples collected by the Illinois State Water Survey during its July 5, 2013 inspection of the Bunge Milling site and Kickapoo State Park, and
(3) all photographs from the July 5, 2013 inspection.”

Documents responsive to your request, which number 356 pages, are available at this address: https://uofi.box.com/s/ukecl0yhk6zopclw8n96.

Portions of these documents have been redacted pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:
• 140/7(1)(b) that exempts from disclosure “Private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order.” This includes personal telephone numbers.
• 140/7 (f) exempts “preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are 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 responsive documents contain preliminary discussions about a potential course of action.
Should you wish to inspect or receive a physical copy of these documents, please call Melanie Kuehn at the phone number below and she will provide you with all necessary details.

You have a right, under the law, to seek a review of this response by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) in the Office of the Attorney General. The PAC may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer