May 1, 2014

Ms. Linda Green

Re: FOIA Request 14-245

Dear Ms. Green:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on April 17, 2014, in which you requested:

“Any correspondence, emails, or reports in electronic or paper format prepared by any payroll or contractual employee or employees of the Illinois State Geological Survey for the Department of Natural Resources…”

Information responsive to your request is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 68 pages.

Portions of these documents have been redacted and other documents have been withheld pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

• 140/7(1)(f) that exempts from disclosure “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.” This includes draft documents and documents containing deliberative comments, opinions, recommendations or the formulation of an action or policy.

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