



June 25, 2018

Tressie Kamp
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Madison, WI 53703

Subject: 18ORR5550: MEA and FWW CAFO Transfer Request

Dear Tressie Kamp:

This letter is regarding your open records request, submitted on March 9, 2018, for the following:

- All WDNR records relating to any and all proposed transfers of CAFO WPDES program authority to DATCP, from January 2016 to the date of this request. This includes, but is not limited to, any communications related to any potential transfer within WDNR and any such communications between WDNR and representatives of the Governor's office, DATCP, legislators, the Dairy Business Association, or other agriculture interests.

On March 26, 2018, you agreed to narrow the records search to the DNR staff listed below.

- Dan Meyer
- Cathy Stepp
- Kurt Thiede
- Ed Eberle
- Joe Liebau
- Pat Stevens
- Pam Biersach
- Amber Passno
- Steve Ales
- Steve Sisbach
- MaryAnne Lowndes
- Russ Rassmussen
- Cheryl Heilman

On May 1, 2018, you asked that the records search include the following DNR staff, as well.

- Mark Aquino
- Jeffrey Voltz
- Jeffrey Schmoller
- Quinn Williams
- Jane Landretti

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has concluded its search and located records responsive to your request. They have been burned to the disc enclosed with this letter. Please note that Some records were withheld due to attorney/client privilege and attorney work product. Additionally, you will notice a blacked out (redacted)

portion which contained a personal phone number, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.36(10)(a) and the common law balancing test. We have determined that the public interest in disclosure of this information is outweighed by the public interest of non-disclosure. Specifically, the public interest in protecting personally identifiable information that could lead to identity theft, intrusions on personal safety, and other unwarranted invasions of privacy outweighs the public interest in access to that information.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), these determinations are subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1) or upon application to a district attorney or the Attorney General.

This request will now be considered closed. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Philip Derge
Division Open Records Coordinator

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