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Via FOIA Online

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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request for Records
 Associated with the Denial of FOIA request EPA-R1-2015-000252**

To Whom This May Concern:

This is a request for a public records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at 40 C.F.R. Part 2. For purposes of this request, the definition of "records" includes, but is not limited to, documents, letters, memoranda (legal or otherwise), notes, reports, e-mail messages, policy statements, data, technical evaluations or analysis, and studies.

Background

On September 10, 2014, EPA Region 1 (EPA R1) met with the City of Taunton (City) to discuss NPDES Draft Permit #MA0100897 (Draft Permit). At that meeting, EPA R1 indicated that, since the development of the Fact Sheet for the Draft Permit, it had received new information, and had conducted additional analyses in preparation for issuing the Final Permit. On October 7, 2014, Hall & Associates (H&A) submitted FOIA request EPA-R1-2015-000252 seeking this information. On November 3, 2014, EPA R1 issued a denial of this FOIA request.

Request

This request seeks any and all records:

- 1) Created, developed, or relied upon by the Region in issuing the denial of EPA-R1-2015-000252;
- 2) From the program office indicating whether or not the FOIA request filed accurately reflected the statements made by the regional office staff in attendance at the September 10, 2014 meeting;
- 3) Related to the ability of EPA R1 to find the documents to which Request No. EPA-R1-2015-000252 referred.

This request expressly includes any legal memoranda associated with the above-referenced denial.

Please contact the undersigned if the associated search and duplication costs are anticipated to exceed \$250.00. Please duplicate the records that are responsive to this request and send it to the undersigned at the above address. If the requested record is withheld based upon any asserted privilege, please identify the basis for the non-disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact this office so as to ensure that only the necessary document is duplicated.

Respectfully,



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