

March 26, 2018

## VIA EMAIL: schwab@uslawcenter.com

William Schwab

Lehighton, PA 18235

Re:

Right-to-Know Request Number: 2018-0108 (NE)

Amount Due: 545.09

Dear Mr. Schwab:

On February 14, 2018, the open-records officer of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) received your written request for records. The Department's Northeast (NE) Regional Office is responding to your request under the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-67.3104 (RTKL).

You requested all documents including but not limited to the application and supporting or supplemental documents for the application for agricultural utilization of biosolids on Cunfer Farm CB-4, which is located on Friendship Road, Lehighton, Carbon County, Pennsylvania. Also, you requested all documents showing consideration of effect on water quality of Lizard Creek and Lehigh River in compliance with policies and regulations dealing with Delaware River Basin Commission.

You also requested certification of the requested records.

An initial response to your request was due on February 22, 2018. On that date, the Department notified you that it required an additional 30 days, until March 26, 2018, to respond to your request.

Your request is granted for records held by the Department's NE Regional Office.

The Department's NE Regional Office will copy and mail the records once it receives your prepayment for their duplication. Prepayment of the production fee is required since total costs exceed \$100.00. (65 P.S. §67.1307 (h); 65 P.S. § 67.901).

The Department's NE Regional Office search resulted in 426 pages of records. The cost of fulfilling your request is \$545.09 (\$.25 per page for the duplication of 426 pages; \$1.00 per page for certified copies for 426 pages; and \$12.59 for postage).

Please provide payment to the attention of Joan Wanat in this amount received by April 16, 2018, at the address listed on page one of this letter. Checks should be payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and reference RTKL request number 2018-0108 (NE). Cash or credit card payment is not accepted.

If the Department's NE Regional Office does not receive full payment of the estimated amount by the due date above, its obligations under the RTKL ends because of untimely payment.

However, you have a right to appeal this response in writing to the Executive Director, Office of Open Records (OOR), Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of this response and send to the OOR:

- 1) all Department responses;
- 2) your request; and
- 3) the reasons you think the Department erred in its response.

Also, the OOR has an appeal form available on the OOR website at: <a href="http://www.openrecords.pa.gov/Appeals/HowToFile.cfm">http://www.openrecords.pa.gov/Appeals/HowToFile.cfm</a>.

Sincerely,

Colleen Stutzman

Assistant Regional Director Northeast Regional Office