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Ed Stanak
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By electronic mail only

Re: *Public Records Act request*

Dear Mr. Stanak:

By e-mail on September 6, 2017, you clarified an August 30, 2017 Vermont Public Records Act request to the Attorney General, the Chair of Natural Resources Board, and the Secretary of the Agency of Transportation as seeking:

“...the essential document produced by each of the three state entities which may be otherwise described as the findings and conclusions of law that serve as the foundation for the decision to enter into the settlement agreement and which provide the legal analyses in support of dissolving Act 250 jurisdiction, diminishing enforcement under the terms of the existing land use permit and conceding complete federal pre-emption.”

We appreciate the narrowing of your request.

Potentially responsive records you have requested consist of internal legal memorandum and communications between and among the Attorney General's Office and its State Agency clients. Those records constitute attorney work product and attorney-client communications which are exempt from disclosure pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(3) and (4).

If you feel information or records have been withheld in error, you may appeal to the Deputy Attorney General Josh Diamond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. F. McDougall".

Robert F. McDougall
Assistant Attorney General