

October 24, 2019

Via Email

Katherine Stites
Division Open Records Coordinator
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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**Re: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Open Records
Request No. 19PRR7204**

Dear Ms. Stites:

We sent Open Records Request No. 19PRR7204 ("Open Records Request") to the DNR on July 18, 2019 and we have not yet received any documents.

On August 21, 2019, you sent an email estimating that a search for responsive records would take 23.5 hours and requested pre-payment per Wis. Stat. § 19.35(3)(f) in the amount of \$587.50. A check was submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("WDNR") the next day, on August 22, 2019. On August 26, 2019, you confirmed that payment was received and that the WDNR was processing the request. Since that time, you responded to our requests for a status update on September 20, 2019, October 11, 2019, and October 18, 2019, in each event indicating that the agency was reviewing the records.

The agency's estimate was 23.5 hours to respond, but it has now been three months since the date of the initial request. Please advise when we can expect to receive these records.

In addition, we are aware of recent news articles that state that the WDNR has been testing soils on the farms where biosolids were spread, and has been testing surface waters. The Open Records Request clearly includes records relating to these activities, including any data developed from this testing, and we expect that the WDNR's response will include this information.



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Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to set up a phone call or meeting to discuss the above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Linda Benfield'.

Linda E. Benfield

cc via email: Mark Herman, Esq.