Oct. 18, 2017

Regional FOIA Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (MI-9J)
Chicago, IL 60604
Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear EPA Region 5 FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I respectfully request access to and a copy of all documents, communications and any other records related to S.H. Bell Co.'s Chicago facility produced, sent or received during the period starting August 7, 2017, through October 18, 2017, including but not limited to all communications sent or received by the following individuals:

- Robert A. Kaplan, acting regional administrator, EPA Region 5
- Edward Nam, director, EPA Region 5 Air and Radiation Division
- Molly Smith, environmental scientist, EPA Region 5 Air Enforcement Division
- George Bollweg, environmental health scientist, EPA Region 5 Air and Radiation Division

I also request access to and a copy of all communications related to S.H. Bell Co.'s Chicago facility sent or received during the period starting August 7, 2017, through October 18, 2017, between the following offices or agencies:

- EPA Region 5 and the Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR), including but not limited to communications to or from Michelle Colledge, regional representative, ATSDR
- EPA Region 5 and EPA Headquarters
- EPA Region 5 and S.H. Bell Co.
- EPA Region 5 and Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellott, LLC, legal representative for S.H. Bell
- EPA Region 5 and the city of Chicago's Department of Public Health, including but not limited to communications to or from Julie Morita, CDPH commissioner; and Dave Graham, CDPH assistant commissioner.

I request that these records be made available in electronic format, to the extent possible.

If you claim that any record is exempt from disclosure, in whole or in part, please provide a detailed explanation of the exemption on which your office relies and the nature of the material for which any exemption is claimed.

If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

I am a representative of the news media, affiliated with WTTW/"Chicago Tonight," and make this request as part of news gathering. I request a waiver of all fees because the disclosure of the requested records is in the public interest.

If this request presents any undue burdens, please let me know as soon as possible, as we may consider tailoring the request to expedite release of important records.

If you have any questions about this request or if I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at 773-509-5623, my number at WTTW.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sincerely,

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