Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form

Good communication is vital in the RTKL process. Complete this form thoroughly and retain a copy; it may be required if an appeal is filed. You have 15 business days to appeal after a request is denied or deemed denied.

SUBMITTED TO AGENCY NAME: _______________________________ (Attn: AORO)

Date of Request: ___________________________ Submitted via: □ Email □ U.S. Mail □ Fax □ In Person

PERSON MAKING REQUEST:

Name: __________________________________________ Company (if applicable): __________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: ______________ State: _____ Zip: _______ Email: ________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ Fax: ________________________________

How do you prefer to be contacted if the agency has questions? □ Telephone □ Email □ U.S. Mail

RECORDS REQUESTED: Be clear and concise. Provide as much specific detail as possible, ideally including subject matter, time frame, and type of record or party names. RTKL requests should seek records, not ask questions. Requesters are not required to explain why the records are sought or the intended use of the records unless otherwise required by law. Use additional pages if necessary.

DO YOU WANT COPIES? □ Yes, printed copies (default if none are checked)
□ Yes, electronic copies preferred if available
□ No, in-person inspection of records preferred (may request copies later)

Do you want certified copies? □ Yes (may be subject to additional costs) □ No
RTKL requests may require payment or prepayment of fees. See the Official RTKL Fee Schedule for more details. Please notify me if fees associated with this request will be more than □ $100 (or) □ $_______.

ITEMS BELOW THIS LINE FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Tracking: ___________ Date Received: ___________ Response Due (5 bus. days): ___________

30-Day Ext.? □ Yes □ No (If Yes, Final Due Date: ___________) Actual Response Date: ___________

Request was: □ Granted □ Partially Granted & Denied □ Denied Cost to Requester: $____________

□ Appropriate third parties notified and given an opportunity to object to the release of requested records.

NOTE: In most cases, a completed RTKL request form is a public record.
More information about the RTKL is available at https://www.openrecords.pa.gov

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