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Ms. Cheryl Elliott Thornton
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OR2012-11813

Dear Ms. Thornton:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 462351 (C.A. File No. 12PIA0271).

The Harris County Attorney's Office (the "county") received a request for letters from the county or the County Commissioner's Court regarding violations of environmental statutes by four named companies. You claim some of the requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.102, 552.108, and 552.111 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim.

We note the requested information was previously the subject of a request for information from the same requestor, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2012-10720 (2012). In the previous ruling, we concluded the county must release the information at issue in accordance with section 552.302 of the Government Code. As you do not indicate there has been any change in the law, facts, and circumstances on which the previous ruling is based, we conclude the county must release the requested information on the basis of Open Records Letter No. 2012-10720. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 at 6-7 (2001) (listing elements of first type of previous determination under Gov't Code § 552.301(a)).

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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No enclosure

c: Requestor