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Office of the Attorney General
Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
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RE: Public Information Act request from Kurt Johnson

Dear Open Records Division:

On August 11, 2009, Williamson County (the "county") received a request from Kurt Johnson for "the sequentially-numbered tickets showing the individual loads of solid-waste disposal events at the Williamson County Landfill for the full business day of July 14, 2009."

The requested documents are held by Waste Management of Texas, Inc. ("WMI"), which is the entity that operates the Williamson County Landfill for the county. The county claims no exceptions to disclosure on its behalf; however, WMI has informed the county that it objects to the release of some of the requested information. The remaining requested documents for which WMI is not claiming an exception to disclosure will be released to the requestor.

The county acknowledges that it failed to seek a ruling within ten business days of its receipt of the request, as required by section 552.301(a) of the Government Code; however, the proprietary interest of third party WMI is a compelling reason to overcome the presumption of openness. In accordance with section 552.305(d) of the Government Code, we have notified WMI of its right to submit arguments to the attorney general in support of withholding some of the requested information. Copies of the request, the third party notice, and a representative sample of the requested documents at issue are enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 943-1181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caroline E. Cho".

Caroline E. Cho
Assistant County Attorney
Williamson County, Texas

Enclosures

cc: Kurt Johnson
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(w/o requested documents)

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