

SCR 192 Working Group

Statement of Common Purpose and Objectives

Common Purpose:

Develop consensus regarding the appropriate balance of interests around disclosure of agency deliberations and the timing of said disclosures, and through the process, educate the public about the competing interests in order to strengthen the public's trust in government.

Objectives:

I. Draft potential legislation clarifying:

A. The types of scenarios where public disclosure of pre-decisional government records is normally in the public interest;

B. The types of scenarios where public disclosure of pre-decisional government records is normally counterproductive or otherwise not in the public interest; and

C. The types of scenarios where judgment must be used to resolve whether the benefits of public disclosure of pre-decisional government records outweigh the possible drawbacks.

II. Reach "rough" consensus on how best to achieve timely resolution of disputes concerning public disclosure of pre-decisional government records.

From Doug (and Duane):

The SCR 192 Working Group should try to reach “rough” consensus on:

1. The types of scenarios where public disclosure of pre-decisional government records is normally in the public interest.
2. The types of scenarios where public disclosure of pre-decisional government records is normally counterproductive or otherwise not in the public interest.
3. The types of scenarios where judgment must be used to resolve whether the benefits of public disclosure of pre-decisional government records outweigh the possible drawbacks.

The SCR 192 Working Group also should try to reach “rough” consensus on how best to achieve timely resolution of disputes concerning public disclosure of pre-decisional government records.

From Brian:

Objective: For purposes of public education and potential legislation, developing a consensus regarding the balance of interests around disclosing agency deliberations.