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Subject: News Flash- Foreseeable Harm is Abolished

Hi everyone

We just found out this morning that Attorney General John Ashcroft has issued a new policy on FOIA. It eliminates the foreseeable harm standard of the Reno policy. The new policy, along with some explanation, is on DOJ's FOIA Post web site at:
<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foiapost/2001foiapost19.htm>

If you can't get it on the internet, let me know and I will fax it.

The document also briefly discusses the issue of how to protect documents that have sensitive information in them, like blueprints for dams, buildings, etc.

The FOIA Post mentions a meeting that DOJ is holding for the agencies on Thursday, Oct. 18, to give more explanation on the new policy. Bob Moll is going to attend, along with Amy Sosion, (Div L&W), Jessica Roth (DIA) and Andrew Tittler (program atty soon to be in Boston). The meeting will also cover the issue of how to protect documents such as blueprints of dams, buildings, etc. I'll get a report from Bob, Amy, Jessica and Andrew on all these topics and send to you.

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