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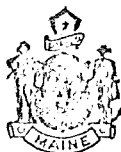
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Honorable Rodney S. Quinn
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Re: The Citizen's Dickey-Lincoln Project Impact Review Committee


Dear Rod:

This responds to your memo of December 7, 1976. By that memo you asked whether the Citizen's Dickey-Lincoln Project Impact Review Committee is an agency of the State under the terms of the Freedom of Access Law, 1 M.R.S.A. § 401, et seq., and, if so, were the actions of the Committee on December 6, 1976, as outlined in a newspaper article from the Bangor Daily News, in violation of the Freedom of Access Law.

We answer your question in the negative.

The Citizen's Dickey-Lincoln Project Impact Review Committee is basically a committee of private individuals, with involvement of some state officials, which has been designated to advise the Governor on proper policy position for the Governor to advocate regarding the Dickey-Lincoln project. As such this committee is very similar in its nature to the Governor's Tax Policy Committee about which a question regarding the Freedom of Access Law has previously been raised. A copy of the opinion of this office relating to the Governor's Tax Policy Committee is attached. For the reasons stated in that opinion, we believe the provisions of the Freedom of Access Law do not apply to the Dickey-Lincoln Project Impact Review Committee.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure