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Please reject the proposed rules because they do not comply with DEQ's mandates to keep records open and available to the public. I strongly feel that public access to state agency decisions and actions should never be discouraged! I am a strong advocate for public records and utilize MANY public agencies records on a regular basis. Charging access fees should not be done. I would advocate allowing each user or request a certain amount of state employee time, such as 15 minutes, and a limited amount of free copies, such as 10-20 pages, then a reasonable fee of \$25.00 per hour and copy fees of \$.25 or \$.10 per page for large volume requests. This would be in the interest of supporting our state agencies in their budget crisis. People who review files should be allowed to do so without involving the time of state employees. Thank you