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DNR revises Sunshine Law policies

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The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has changed the way it responds to open-records requests based on recommendations from the attorney general's office.

The attorney general's review followed a complaint that DNR violated the state Sunshine Law by delaying release of a report showing high levels of E. coli in the Lake of the Ozarks.

Attorney General Chris Koster concluded no laws were broken. But his office recommended that DNR consolidate responsibilities for responding to public records requests, and explain on its Web site how to request records.

DNR used to have 40 different custodians of its records. The agency has now put one person in charge of coordinating responses to document requests.