

Annual Report Regarding Emailed Chief Counsel Advice

Office of Chief Counsel Internal Revenue Service

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Emails containing legal advice that lawyers in the Office of Chief Counsel send to Office of Chief Counsel or IRS field personnel are Chief counsel Advice subject to public inspection as set forth in 26 U.S.C. § 6110.

This report covers the twelve-month time period, January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

- The number of emailed CCA sent during this reporting period is 2,946.
- The number of emailed CCA excluded from public inspection is 117. These were excluded because the email concerned one of the following: (1) a criminal investigation; (2) a jeopardy or termination assessment; (3) a civil fraud investigation; (4) any matter referred to in subparagraph (C) or (D) of 26 U.S.C. § 6103(b)(2) (advanced pricing agreements, pre-filing agreements, or any other closing agreements as defined by 26 U.S.C. § 7121); or (5) any matter to which 26 U.S.C. § 6105 applies (tax convention information).
- The number of emailed CCA withheld in their entirety as privileged based on one or more of the FOIA exemptions is 2,727. The principal reasons for withholding emailed CCA as privileged were the work product doctrine and the attorney-client privilege.
- The number of emailed CCA subject to public inspection is 102.
- No emailed CCA were withheld because the taxpayer to whom the email relates could not be identified or notified of the intention to disclose, as required by 26 U.S.C. § 6110(f)(1).

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