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Comments:
Incredibly short on practical information about Electronic Records, especially: The document appears to contain NO discussion of whether security backups (e.g., tape backups made for disaster recovery purposes) are considered discoverable and/or disclosable public records. The question being, if we possess a tape (for example) containing a backup of our agency's servers, do I need to recover all the documents on it to comply with a discosure request? If so, does this mean it is best to destroy any "old" backups (i.e., anything other than the MOST RECENT) to avoid such a requirement? That is, to avoid MAJOR headaches (especially time-consuming restores and searches), a disaster recovery plan should require retention of only ONE set of backup tapes (a major change to most agencies' procedures, I bet). N.B.: This is a SIGNIFICANT concern to IT managers in every agency around the state, and certainly needs to be addressed in every agency's retention policies. I submit that it needs to be addressed in these rules, as well.