**Section 200.220 Hearing Officer's Report**

a) As soon as practicable after the close of a hearing, the hearing officer shall prepare a written report of the case, which shall be based upon the evidence adduced at the hearing or otherwise included in the record. The written report shall contain findings of fact, a recommended decision and the reasons for the decision.

b) This report shall be submitted to the Director. The hearing officer shall also send a copy of the report to the Respondent or his/her counsel and to the Agency's counsel. Both the Respondent and the Agency's counsel may file written exceptions with the Director within 10 days.

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