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RE: Minnesota Data Practices Act Request of September 19, 2013

Dear Ms. Belgea,

This letter is to follow up on our communications regarding my data request of September 19, 2013. A copy of my request is attached for your reference.

I last heard from you via e-mail on November 26, 2013, regarding the status of the request, at which time you noted that someone from your department would contact me with additional details about the production of the requested documents.

Since that time, I have not been contacted by anyone from the Minnesota Department of Health, including those divisions within MDH that were referenced in your November 26<sup>th</sup> e-mail (Laboratory, IT, Environmental Health, or otherwise).

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding the status of my request, and the anticipated timeframe for document production. Please contact me at your earliest convenience regarding these matters. I would be open to discussing a staggered document release if it would help to expedite the production of a portion of the records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Ehling", written over a horizontal line.

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September 19, 2013

Commissioner Dr. Edward Ehlinger  
Minnesota Department of Health  
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RE: Minnesota Data Practices Act request

Dear Commissioner,

I am making a request for access to public data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13.

I am seeking copies of the following public data:

1. The Environmental Monitoring Report for 2012 prepared by the Minnesota Department of Health.
2. Environmental monitoring reports regarding radiation levels in the state of Minnesota from 1953-2004.

Please consider this letter a formal request for the indefinite retention of the requested data, pending resolution or reclassification of its status.

As required by section 13.03, subd. 3(f) of the Minnesota Statutes, I am requesting that in the event that any portion of this request is not granted, that your department certify in writing that the request has been denied, and cite the specific statutory section, temporary classification, or other provision of law upon which the denial is based.

This request is made as part of news gathering, and is not for commercial use.

If you have questions regarding this request, I can be reached by telephone at 651-335-2037, or by e-mail at [info@publicrecordmedia.com](mailto:info@publicrecordmedia.com).

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