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Data Practices Request for Radiation Monitoring Data Collected prior to 2005

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To: Matt Ehling <info@publicrecordmedia.com>

Mon, Nov 24, 2014 at 3:32 PM

Dear Mr. Ehling,

Thank you for your letter following up on your data practices request for raw radiation monitoring data collected prior to 2005 (related to above-ground nuclear testing or nuclear plant activity). Paul Moyer in the MDH Public Health Lab forwarded the attached Excel spreadsheet to me. It is my understanding that this spreadsheet is the result of your discussions with Robert Smude and the Lab's subsequent work with Doug Schultz and the MN.IT@MDH staff to pull the data that responds to your request. I believe this is all of the data that we maintain that is responsive to your request. MDH's radiochemistry data is on a 10-year retention schedule, and we only had the pre-2004 data due to an oversight in records disposal. I have also asked our Communications and Environmental Health staff to delete the sentence on the MDH website that gives the public the impression MDH maintains a 50-year database of monitoring data.

I believe this completes our response to your request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I am trying first to email this, but our system sometimes strips out large attachments.

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Tue, Nov 25, 2014 at 2:50 PM

To: "Belgea, Lynn (MDH)" <lynn.belgea@[REDACTED]>

Dear Ms. Belgea,

Thank you for your agency's final response to my Data Practices Act request. If there is no responsive, pre-2004 paper data still in existence at MDH, then the attached spreadsheet completes my request.

Thank you also for clarifying the stauts of the radiation monitoring data held by MDH.

Sincerely,

Matt Ehling
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