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Matt Ehling
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Re: Minnesota Data Practices Act Request

Dear Mr. Ehling,

This replies to your letter dated September 19, 2013, addressed to Commissioner Dr. Edward Ehlinger of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Your letter was routed to me for response as the MDH data practices responsible authority designee.

In your letter, you made a data practices act request for copies of the following 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.

To respond to your request, I consulted with the supervisor of the Radiation Materials Unit of the MDH Environmental Health Division, Dr. Sherrie Flaherty.

In regard to the first item of your request, Dr. Flaherty indicated that the 2012 report is not yet completed. It should be complete by the end of October and will then be posted on the MDH Internet site (www.health.state.mn.us). Once it is posted, I will send you the link to where it can be accessed. In regard to the second item, we could not find any record that MDH produced environmental monitoring reports regarding radiation levels in the state of Minnesota prior to 2004. However, the MDH Public Health Laboratory has the raw data from each year. If that would be of use to you, let me know and I will follow up with the Lab staff as to how you could be provided access to that data.

Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn M. Belgea".

Lynn M. Belgea
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cc: Dr. Sherrie Flaherty