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**Environmental Public Health Tracking and Biomonitoring
Memorandum of Understanding**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature in 2007 passed the Environmental Health Tracking and Biomonitoring Bill (M.S. 144.925-144.998), and

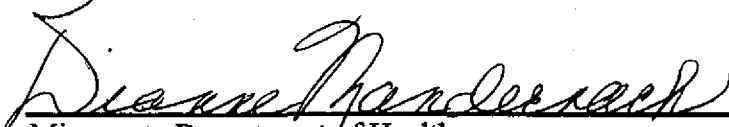

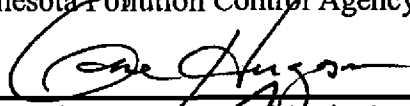
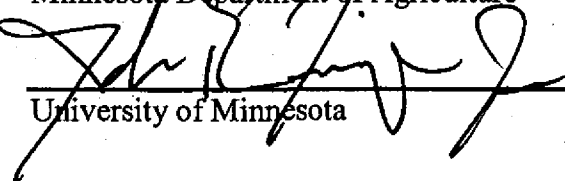
WHEREAS, this legislation promotes the sharing and access to health and environmental databases among state agencies, and

WHEREAS, this legislation establishes the Environmental Health Tracking and Biomonitoring Advisory Panel to provide recommendations for health tracking and biomonitoring, and

WHEREAS, this legislation specifically requests the Minnesota Department of Health, the Pollution Control Agency, and the University of Minnesota to develop and sign a memorandum of understanding declaring their intent to share new and existing health and environmental data, within applicable data privacy laws, and to cooperate and communicate effectively for the development of environmental health tracking and biomonitoring, and

WHEREAS, this legislation specifically requests that the Minnesota Department of Health coordinate data collection with the Pollution Control Agency, Department of Agriculture, and the University of Minnesota; promote the sharing of and access to health and environmental databases, and develop written data sharing agreements as needed with the Pollution Control Agency and the Department of Agriculture.

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, agree to cooperate, participate, and communicate effectively to support this initiative, and we further agree to develop specific data use agreements as needed for environmental health tracking and biomonitoring.

 Minnesota Department of Health	<u>8-9-07</u> Date
 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	<u>8-21-07</u> Date
 Minnesota Department of Agriculture	<u>8-15-07</u> Date
 University of Minnesota	<u>8-23-07</u> Date