

February 8, 2006

Diane Mandernach, Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Health  
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Dear Commissioner Mandernach:

I am writing to urge the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to develop fish consumption standards for portions of the Mississippi River south of Cottage Grove, based on the levels of PFCs found in fish fillet samples.

During the last week, we have learned from Dr. Fardin Oliaei's research, of some fish samples from the Mississippi River that have been found to contain over 900 parts per billion of PFOS in the fillet sample. These data are extraordinarily high, and suggest a significant risk to people who may consume fish from the Mississippi.

Again, I urge you to promptly take a look at the new data collected by Dr. Oliaei and develop appropriate fish consumption standards.

Sincerely,

John Marty