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Kathleen Montalte
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Re: Southern Iowa Mechanical Site, Ottumwa, Iowa – Freedom of
Information Act Request

Dear Kathleen:

Please consider this e-mail to be a formal Freedom of Information Act
request.

In my letter of October 2, 2008, to Dan Shiel, I requested and hereby request
again the following regarding the Southern Iowa Mechanical Site
("Site"):

"We need to see the technician's raw data and calculations for each of these
sample analyses to determine the validity and accuracy of the tabulated results
(including whether the data was reported in units of micrograms per square
centimeter, or micrograms per 100 square centimeters). Please consider this a formal
request, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, for the technician's raw data and
calculations relating to each of the samples, blanks, and replicates supporting the May
30, 2008 report, any sampling plan or protocols, sampling map or sketch identifying
where samples were taken, and QA/QC protocols or data used or obtained in
connection with the sampling of the Southern Iowa Mechanical Site."

In addition to my request in the letter of October 2 above, I hereby also
request the following:

All field and lab notes, records, data, electronically stored information,
printouts and documents of any kind reflecting or regarding the EPA sampling and/or
lab work in connection with the Site.

You are authorized by this request to send me the above up to a maximum of
\$100. If it appears that this request will exceed \$100, please call me for
authorization.

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Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark E. Johnson', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark E. Johnson

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