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To: Manufacturers of Tobacco Products

The 1997 Minnesota Legislature passed legislation requiring manufacturers of tobacco products sold in Minnesota to report annually to the Minnesota Department of Health on five substances.

"Each manufacturer of tobacco products sold in Minnesota shall provide the commissioner of health with an annual report either on paper or by electronic means. The report shall be provided in a form and at a time specified by the commissioner, identifying, for each brand of such product, any of the following substances presented in detectable levels in the product in its unburned state and if the product is typically burned when consumed, in its burned state: 1) ammonia or any compound of ammonia; 2) arsenic; 3) cadmium; 4) formaldehyde; and 5) lead. The form for annual reports under this section is not a rule for purposes of chapter 14 including section 14.386." *Minnesota Statutes §461.17, subdivision 1.*

Enclosed is the Minnesota Tobacco Substances Reporting Form. Complete the appropriate parts of this application for your tobacco products sold in Minnesota, photocopying additional pages as needed. The reporting form may be submitted on diskette (Word Perfect file format 5.0 to 8.0).

Reporting forms must be returned to the department by February 15, 1999. If you do not sell tobacco products in Minnesota at this time please inform our office. The reporting form should be returned to:

Minnesota Department of Health
Division of Family Health
Box 9441
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440-9441

Written comments should be directed to Janet Olstad of my staff. She can be contacted at 612.676.5439 with any questions related to completing the reporting form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne M. Barry".
Anne M. Barry
Commissioner