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Minnesota House of Representatives

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James R. Nobles, Legislative Auditor
Room 140 Centennial Building
Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155-1603

Dear Mr. Nobles,

We are writing to inquire about the status of the Office of Legislative Auditor Special Investigation on Water Gremlin. In September 2019, you announced that your office was going to investigate this matter. We greatly appreciate your willingness to investigate the issue.

Water Gremlin has repeatedly put the health of Minnesotans at risk. Last year, state officials discovered that the White Bear Township manufacturer emitted high levels of the carcinogenic chemical Trichloroethylene (TCE) for more than a decade, violating the terms of their air quality permit. A few months later, investigators found TCE and other toxic chemicals in air, water, and soil on the property.

According to an administrative order that the MPCA issued in November, Water Gremlin wasn't complying with hazardous waste regulations. There is also significant evidence that unsafe working conditions at the facility caused lead poisoning in at least 24 workers' children.

Our community deserves an independent investigation that looks into what occurred at the Water Gremlin plant and how the situation was handled. This information will help us work collectively to ensure that this never happens in another community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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