

From: [Busch, Stephen \(DEQ\)](#)
To: [Shekter Smith, Liane \(DEQ\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOIA 0601-16
Date: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 3:42:10 PM

Liane,

It doesn't look like you were included before. It helps clarify the context of the FOIA.

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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, November 09, 2015 4:06 PM
To: Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ); Lachance, Amy (DEQ); Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)
Cc: Philip, Kris (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); DuMont, Ralph (DEQ); Rennaker, Joanne (DEQ); Peterman, Tammy (DEQ); Einhardt, Nancy (DEQ); Bushong, Kathleen (DEQ); Howell, Sherri (DEQ); Stieb, Melody (DEQ); Walstrom, Kimberly (DEQ)
Subject: RE: FOIA 0601-16

Mr. VanDeventer called me this afternoon and indicated they are looking for LCR related information, so the first bulleted item in their FOIA requests can be considered to be with respect to LCR documents just like the second and third bullet.

He also indicated that his use of the phrase, "water testing standards and protocols used to test the community water supply..." was referring to the analytical procedures. I suggested he contact the state laboratory to get the information about the analytical procedures they use for analyzing lead. I said that some of these large systems may also use another certified laboratory, and he would have to contact those laboratories should he want that information.

He mentioned that some district staff had informed him there may be a central repository for this information. 90th percentile calculations since 2011 are stored in SDWIS, but individual lead results are not. As the Grand Rapids district first noted, these requests do not specifically ask for actual results, but seem to be more aimed at the implementation of the LCR. I would assume any compliance determination correspondence since **January of 2011** would be included. If actual results have been included with correspondence that fits the request, so be it.

Please proceed to fill these FOIA requests.

Richard

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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 11:28 AM
To: Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ); Lachance, Amy (DEQ); Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)
Cc: Philip, Kris (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); DuMont, Ralph (DEQ); Rennaker, Joanne (DEQ); Peterman, Tammy (DEQ); Einhardt, Nancy (DEQ); Bushong, Kathleen (DEQ); Howell, Sherri (DEQ); Stieb, Melody (DEQ); Walstrom, Kimberly (DEQ)
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FYI. If I don't hear from the requestor by Monday, we will fill this request on the assumption that they are interested in the lead and copper monitoring program.

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From: DEQ-RMD-FOIA
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 11:23 AM
To: DEQFOIA
Cc: Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: FOIA 0601-16

Please issue a 10-day extension for the subject FOIA. Thank you.

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From: Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:39 AM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Cc: Mankel, Tamara (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Pb/Cu FOIA

Pretty sure the FOIAs come with the 10-day extension already built-in and we cannot ask for more 10-day extensions. I'll defer to Tammy on this, RMG's FOIA Liaison. This is for FOIA 0601-16, dated October 23, 2015, with a due date of November 9, 2015...another reason why I believe the 10-day extension has already been asked/granted, etc. Tammy, in a nutshell, Richard has reached out to the requestor via phone/e-mail to ask for clarification due to the large volume of documents, etc. and the requestor has not responded.

Thanks,

Tracy Jo

From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 9:34 AM
To: Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Pb/Cu FOIA

Tracy Jo,

Could you please see about getting a 10-day extension. I still have not heard from this guy so if I don't hear from him by Monday, I'm going to tell the districts to fill it as if they are only interested in LCR information since two of their three bullets specify that criteria.

Richard

From: Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 4:32 PM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Cc: Stieb, Melody (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Pb/Cu FOIA

Hi Richard,

I spoke to Melody this afternoon and she said we are required to notify the requestor of a 10 day extension by the end of the day tomorrow 11/6. She said that notification would have to come from FOIA staff in Lansing. If we don't request the extension will be required to notify the requestor the records are available for review by Monday. I understand you are trying to get clarification so we may provide the requestor with the information most useful to them.

Let us know if we should be requesting a 10 day extension.

Thanks!

Kris

From: Stieb, Melody (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 3:44 PM
To: Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Pb/Cu FOIA

Kris –

I'd like your approval to request a 10 day extension on all our requests or let me contact the requestor and set up an appointment to review the records. I have talked to Rose Woosley and she indicated they will issue an extension. I do not know when the requestor will reply and the request is due 11-9-15. I do not need answers to Mr.

Benzie's questions as the requestor indicated he probably is going to come in and review the records, but you indicated I should not contact the requestor until we receive Mr. Benzie's response.

Melody Stieb, District Secretary/FOIA Liaison

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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Lachance, Amy (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ); Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)
Cc: Philip, Kris (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); DuMont, Ralph (DEQ); Rennaker, Joanne (DEQ); Peterman, Tammy (DEQ); Einhardt, Nancy (DEQ); Bushong, Kathleen (DEQ); Howell, Sherri (DEQ); Stieb, Melody (DEQ); Walstrom, Kimberly (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Pb/Cu FOIA

I left another voicemail message earlier today and have just now sent this email hoping to get a response by the end of the week.

From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:41 PM
To: Lachance, Amy (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ); Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)
Cc: Philip, Kris (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); DuMont, Ralph (DEQ); Rennaker, Joanne (DEQ); Peterman, Tammy (DEQ); Einhardt, Nancy (DEQ); Bushong, Kathleen (DEQ); Howell, Sherri (DEQ); Stieb, Melody (DEQ); Walstrom, Kimberly (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Pb/Cu FOIA

FYI – I left a voicemail message and am awaiting a return call.

From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 6:52 PM
To: Lachance, Amy (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ); Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)
Cc: Philip, Kris (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); DuMont, Ralph (DEQ); Rennaker, Joanne (DEQ); Peterman, Tammy (DEQ); Einhardt, Nancy (DEQ); Bushong, Kathleen (DEQ); Howell, Sherri (DEQ); Stieb, Melody (DEQ); Walstrom, Kimberly (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Pb/Cu FOIA

After discussing this matter with Kris Philip and others here in Lansing, I am planning to call Farough & Associates tomorrow to see if they will clarify their request. For those of you that have received this request for a water system in your district, we want to respond consistently. We need to know if they are primarily interested in LCR information, or are they requesting additional compliance data. A broad interpretation of their first bullet could imply they are looking for all correspondence related to compliance with the public water supply program and Act 399. We would also like to know what they mean by "water testing standards and protocols." Is it just water testing protocols, or is it protocols for the PWSS program in general? I will let you know as soon as I get a response.

From: Lachance, Amy (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 11:03 AM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ); Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)
Subject: Pb/Cu FOIA

Steve said that around 30 FOIA requests for Pb/Cu information went out from Farough & Assoc. so I assume we all got some except maybe Chuck. Should we just handle individually in our districts and then maybe make an extra copy of whatever is provided? The request was pretty broad, so we will provide all correspondence that relates to Pb/Cu from 2011 through 2015. It doesn't appear that they are requesting actual results though. Just wanted to see if we're all on the same page.

Here's the FOIA: <U:\Transfer\FOIAs\2016FOIAs\0600 thru 0699\0601.pdf>