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From: Pieper, Julia (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 12:42 PM
To: Krisztian, George (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Cc: Dykema, Linda D. (DCH); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Lachance, Amy (DEQ); DeBruyn, Dana (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Urgent Legionaire Disease testing in Water
Importance: High

Here is the reply from DCH:
 Hi Julia,

We have the capacity to look for Legionella in water, but we only perform the test when it is a part of an epidemiologic investigation. If the health department contacts our Bureau of Epidemiology and they confirm the human case and want to look for a source, we can test. They may want to contact Shannon Johnson in the Bureau of Epi. Her number is 335-9597.

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 typically 10 cases/yr
 30 cases this summer.*

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From: Krisztian, George (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Pieper, Julia (DEQ)
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Hi Richard,

We do not do Legionella testing. Julie is in the process of finding out from DCH if they can do it. She will provide that information once it becomes available.

George

George L. Krisztian

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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 10:53 AM
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George or Julia,

Are you prepared for performing analyses for legionella in water? If so, would you please answer the questions below. If not, do you know if the DCH lab is capable of doing so? Can you provide a contact. Liane suggest I copy Linda Dykema, so perhaps she can answer for community health, particularly if there are any labs in Southwest Michigan that may be relied upon if the state is unable to do so.

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From: Lachance, Amy (DEQ)
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FYI

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From: Weaver, Cynthia (DEQ)
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Julia,

Summary at 10:05am Mick McGuire of the Van Buren Cass County District Health Dept contacted this office.

- Per Mick McGuire, Van Buren Cass County District Health Dept, there is a man who was diagnosed with Legionnaires Disease either yesterday, or today.
- It is not known which location this "man" may have worked at: Either Cass County or Berrien County.
- The VBCCDHD is investigating IF the "man" works at a previously "inactive" Type 2 public water supply in Cass County.