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To: [Benzie, Richard \(DEQ\)](#)
Cc: ["Osterhoudt, Darrell"](#)
Subject: RE: Checking In
Date: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 3:55:30 PM

Thanks for your further thoughts Richard. And, thanks for the heads up about CBS news coverage this evening.

We'll keep our fingers crossed on your ability to attend the ASDWA Annual Conference.

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Subject: RE: Checking In

Jim and Darrell,

Thank you. I appreciate the prompt assistance. I am still planning (hoping) to attend the ASDWA conference and will share more then. This issue has shifted from one of SDWA compliance to one of increased exposure and correlating health risk, but the messaging of that fact is difficult if not impossible with the layperson as well as most media.

I understand CBS News will be covering this issue tonight.

Richard

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Subject: RE: Checking In

Good morning Richard –

States that I believe have been active (at some stage in recent years) in working with their water systems to devise lead sampling programs at schools and/or child care facilities connected to water systems, are as follows:

- **Massachusetts** (Yvette Depeiza) – especially in working with Steve

Estes-Smargiassi of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (serves Boston); Steve was on the NDWAC LCR workgroup and his contact information is as follows: smargias@mwra.com (617-788-4303)

- **Wisconsin** (Jill Jonas) – in working with Region 5 on some selected communities as part of an EJ project.
- **North Carolina** (Jessica Godreau) – in working with the city of Durham, that had some very high lead levels
- **Rhode Island** (June Swallow) – in working with the city of Providence
- **Washington** (Clark Halvorson) – in working with the city of Seattle

I'd start with Boston and Steve Estes-Smargiassi + Yvette DePeiza, if I had to pick one. Please find the attached member list for contact information for these folks. Also, you've probably seen this, but here's a link to EPA's guidance page for schools and child care facilities where the 3T's material (testing, teaching, telling) is located. 3T's includes recommendations for monitoring for schools.

<http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/drinkingwater/schools/guidance.cfm>

I hope this is helpful Richard.

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Jim,

Biggest firestorm I have experienced in almost 40 years, and to think it is about a water system that has never exceeded an Action Level.

Thank you for the offer of assistance. If you could quickly identify a few states that have actively initiated lead sampling programs at schools &/or child care facilities connected to municipal water systems so that we could learn from their experiences, it would help us right now. We are being tasked with developing a sampling protocol or regimen as well as a cost estimate to implement such a sampling program aimed more at identifying risk from lead exposure in drinking water than at determining SDWA compliance (one liter first draw sampling).

Thanks,

Richard

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Good afternoon Richard --

We were just curious to know your perspective on the Flint, MI situation, whenever you have a chance (no wish to add to your burden) -- and, of course, please let us know if there's anything we can do to help.

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