

From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
To: [Busch, Stephen \(DEQ\)](#); [Prysbey, Mike \(DEQ\)](#)
Cc: [Philip, Kris \(DEQ\)](#)
Subject: RE: Tuesday's program meeting Agenda
Date: Friday, May 29, 2015 1:55:00 PM

I assume Mike is aware and ready to discuss Flint on Tuesday. I just didn't want him to be surprised when the agenda comes out later today. He is on for a discussion about your meeting with the hospitals in the morning session when we discuss secondary treatment and premise plumbing, then again in the afternoon for an update on the status of Flint – MCL violations, construction of the pipeline, etc., which is in the "District Updates" and will be done "as time allows." We do not want to cut the lab presentation short if there are many follow-up questions.

From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 8:57 AM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ); DeBruyn, Dana (DEQ)
Cc: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Monosmith, Carrie (DEQ); Philip, Kris (DEQ)
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Richard,

I have a plumbing code committee meeting in Okemos that day, and this is expected to be the last meeting and will include chapters on non-potable use/water re-use, subsurface irrigation, and applicable standards. So I feel my duty is to attend this meeting instead of the program meeting. The code meeting runs 9-3:30 same as the program meeting, but if we get done early I could try to make it back by the end of the program meeting.
(I haven't mastered omnipresence yet, but if that changes before Tuesday, I'll let you know ☺).

Regarding Flint, we just got the latest round of DBP results, which are below, but still have a site over the LRAA standard. Mike can give an update on what has been going on in my absence.

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I agree. I was just checking messages from home to see who replied and to add that the state would be retaining oversight of these systems until further notice to the list of things that staff should hear.

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I think that we should also add that the CWS engineers will be taking the lead on plan review, installation inspection, etc., until they are fully in compliance.

Dana

From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 6:32 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
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Steve,

Would you be able to discuss your meeting with the Flint hospitals and the information you shared with them (again)? We want to address the issue of secondary treatment and premise plumbing.

After your done with your talk, I would also like to disseminate a uniform message about these systems and what staff should be saying to these systems. Things like:

1. No more ignoring them – if we find them, you have to deal with them
2. We have a meeting scheduled in a couple of weeks with DHHS and DLARA (who also oversee and/or license many of these facilities) to discuss our concerns and enlist their support in reaching out to and educating these facilities.
3. Here's what we do know and staff should share when communicating with secondary treaters:
 - a. No "unpaced" chemical feed – they must submit plans and get a permit to install flow paced controls.
 - b. Disinfection of hot water plumbing systems presents the same concerns as treatment of the entire premise plumbing system.
 - c. If they serve 15 living units, 25 residents or 25 beds in a nursing home or chronic care wing, they are classified as a Community System; all other secondary treaters are Noncommunity if they serve more than 25 people drinking water daily.
4. We are not planning to require routine coliform testing until EPA decides it is necessary, but they should be advised that monitoring for Disinfection Byproducts will be required; monitoring for lead and copper yet TBD.
5. Advise them that EPA is still assessing regulatory considerations and the responsibilities may change when EPA determines what needs to be addressed.

If anyone else has suggestions, let me know. We probably need to discuss this

matter further before Tuesday to confirm what should be in this message.

Steve, we may also ask you or Mike to speak about the current status of Flint as part of a "District Office Updates" segment.