
From: London, Bob (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:32 AM
To: Paul Reinsch; Kim Mason; Tom Levengood; Peter Schwarz
Cc: Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Reinke, Joseph (DEQ); Gotham, Daryl (DEQ)
Subject: Fwd: news interest in THM

There is media scrutiny right now due to Flint's TTHM issues. You might want to have your recent results in hand and your LRAAs in case you are contacted.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bloemker, Jon (DEQ)" <BLOEMKERJ@michigan.gov>
Date: January 20, 2015 at 10:13:35 AM EST
To: "Benzie, Richard (DEQ)" <BENZIER@michigan.gov>, "Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)" <SHEKTERL@michigan.gov>
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Subject: RE: news interest in THM

The good news is that this is the best time of year as far as distribution system TTHMs go.

From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Bloemker, Jon (DEQ)
Cc: London, Bob (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ); Erickson, Susan (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Reinke, Joseph (DEQ); Gotham, Daryl (DEQ); Kaiser, Rebecca (DEQ)
Subject: RE: news interest in THM

Jon,

WMEN may be planning to sample as a follow-up to the Flint media coverage, and it may be just from Flint, but since the station requested 3 TTHM sampling units, you may want to provide a heads-up to Saginaw, Bay City and Midland if you haven't already done so.

I would suggest these water systems even consider issuing some sort of proactive statement or press release that updates their customers and those of their consecutive systems on the status of their DBP monitoring and compliance activities in light of the media coverage that Flint has received. They could mention their sampling regimens, their current LRAAs, their ongoing public notifications as needed, any other compliance activities such as the construction of a new plant with an improved source in Bay City's case, all in an effort to head off any negative news that could be created by someone sampling somewhere in their system and getting high results. They should also alert their consecutive systems so that they may provide a consistent message.

I also want to thank George for the heads up.

Richard

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From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:54 AM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: FW: news interest in THM
Importance: High

FYI

From: Krisztian, George (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 7:39 AM
To: Erickson, Susan (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Subject: FW: news interest in THM
Importance: High

Sue and Brad,

I do not know if this will amount to anything but I wanted to make sure that you both had a heads up in case it becomes an issue. (Please see the note below)

I do not know what WMEN is investigating. Public water supplies are generally in good shape when it comes to THMs but sometimes things can get spun in a way in which we do not anticipate.

Liane,
I included you so that your staff does not get blindsided. Please forward as you feel appropriate.

Thanks to all!
George

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From: Smith, Carol (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 2:21 PM
To: Pieper, Julia (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ)
Cc: Hayes, Tandem (DEQ); Briseno, Michael (DEQ)
Subject: news interest in THM

Tandem forwarded a call to me today from Gino Vicci from WMEN ? in Saginaw.

He wanted bottles to test for THMs.

I took the information and answered his question about price and payment.

Tandem is entering the order for bottles. 3 sets.

Thought you might want to keep an eye out for those samples.

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