
From: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 3:51 PM
To: Reynolds, Lawrence
Subject: RE: DHHS Document in MDEQ FOIA
Attachments: Draft Comms Plan-EHS Tox 9_15.pdf

Yes, Marc sent it to me last week...

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From: Reynolds, Lawrence [mailto:LawrenceR@mottchc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 3:30 PM
To: Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: DHHS Document in MDEQ FOIA

Do you have a copy of that document that you can send ?

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS) [mailto:WellsE3@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Marc Edwards; Reynolds, Lawrence; 'Chris Kolb'; 'Andy Leavitt'; 'Mona Hanna-Attisha'
Subject: RE: DHHS Document in MDEQ FOIA

Marc,

Let me know if you think my email timed at 2:33 today was helpful? It regards genesis and from where it arose.

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From: Marc Edwards [mailto:edwardsm@vt.edu]
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To: Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov>; LawrenceR@mottchc.org; 'Chris Kolb' <chris@environmentalcouncil.org>; 'Andy Leavitt' <aileavitt@senatedems.org>; 'Mona Hanna-Attisha' <MHanna1@hurleymc.com>
Subject: RE: DHHS Document in MDEQ FOIA

Eden,

Thanks. The key is that the e-mails and all other documents that would give insight to its genesis are being withheld.

Obviously, I have the plan because I sent it to you....and I was only aware of its existence because it was in an MDEQ FOIA.

So is it the position of DHHS, that the e-mails and documents associated with the Flint Water Lead Communications Plan, and the meetings associated with that document it up to September 9th, are not responsive to my FOIA? Or, is it the position of DHHS, that the plan appeared out of nowhere, and there is no documents to indicate who wrote it or where it came from and why?

If it is the former, I have to call you out on that. If it is the latter, I need to know that too, because it is very hard to believe that a document like that just appears out of thin air.

Marc

From: Wells, Eden (DHHS) [<mailto:WellsE3@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 12:33 PM
To: Marc Edwards; LawrenceR@mottchc.org; 'Chris Kolb'; 'Andy Leavitt'; Mona Hanna-Attisha
Subject: RE: DHHS Document in MDEQ FOIA

Good afternoon,

I now have a copy of this (this was drafted before I became part of the response, and was never implemented by Toxicology) and there are no concerns in sharing this draft Communications Plan that Toxicology had pulled together---previous email was just stating why it was not part of P10A package. It is attached, and again, do not hesitate to contact me anytime,

Eden

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From: Marc Edwards [<mailto:edwardsm@vt.edu>]
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Subject: RE: DHHS Document in MDEQ FOIA

Hi Eden,

Today I received what DHHS FOIA claims is the rest of my FOIA documents. But still missing is the document on Flint Water Lead Communication Plan from September 9th, 2015, which is clearly responsive to my FOIA because it discusses the work of Virginia Tech. I also e-mailed you and argued that all documents associated with the genesis, writing and conceptualization of the Flint Water Communications plan would be clearly responsive, as are anything associated with the meetings about the document. Bob's e-mail to me mentioned a meeting on the water lead issue on September 8th...which I assume was associated with this document.

There is nothing in what was provided to me at all, about the September 9th document or the September 8th meeting. As far as DHHS is concerned, they are apparently taking the position the document does not exist...and it just came to MDEQ out of thin air. Obviously this is unacceptable to me. Is this the position of DHHS? If not, why do not have either the communications plan, or the documents that help understand where it came from? I do not even know who wrote it.

I also do not believe that Karen's entire body of e-mails has been produced. When I called out the fact that an e-mail from Mona was not in what was provided to me, she simply sent that 1 e-mail to the FOIA officer. I still feel an electronic

search of her e-mails is going to be required if the task force is ever going to understand what DHHS was doing before you were involved.

Thanks in advance for looking into this disturbing problem. The letter today says that all responsive documents were produced, and that my only option is to appeal or sue DHHS.

Marc