
From: Miller, Corinne (DCH)
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 1:12 PM
To: Dykema, Linda D. (DCH)
Subject: Fwd: Mott Community College not waiting for Flint to ensure safe water | MLive.com

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From: "Collins, Jim (DCH)" <CollinsJ12@michigan.gov>
Date: January 28, 2015 at 12:00:00 PM EST
To: "Moran, Susan (DCH)" <MoranS@michigan.gov>, "Becker, Timothy (DCH)" <beckert1@michigan.gov>
Cc: "Davis, Matthew (DCH)" <DavisM36@michigan.gov>, "Miller, Corinne (DCH)" <MillerC39@michigan.gov>
Subject: **Re: Mott Community College not waiting for Flint to ensure safe water | MLive.com**

I've seen similar notice from the University of Michigan-Flint/

We had a call with Genessee HD yesterday looking for additional information on some elevated levels of legionella infection that seems, anecdotally at least, to coincide with the change over in Flint water. Recalling that legionella infections can be transmitted through inhalation of aerosolized contaminated water, this did present a concern. Water quality is a DEQ issue and the local health department stated that they had been very frustrated by both DEQ and the Flint DPW by their failure to provide water testing results. We've had limited contact with DEQ in that earlier, DEQ staff had reached out to our staff and asked about our reported cases of legionella infection. We shared what we had, but have heard nothing from them since.

On the call we offered to assist on the investigation and requested clarification on the investigative process to date, which frankly has been lacking on the part of GCHD. That said, it's clear that they are struggling to get information on water quality and are talking about having to do FOIA requests for DEQ and their own DPW. Not a comfortable situation.

I don't think we can be viewed as the source of information on any water quality questions for that community. That said, I've heard that they say the testing performed at the water treatment facility that meets DEQ requirements but may be different from some of the testing that is occurring downstream. I also understand that the level of organic matter in the water that is being treated requires an level of chlorination that can impact on aesthetic and taste of the water and that the product from breaking down the organic matter can present a different risk (carcinogen). It also seems that all of the abandoned properties in Flint may have "dead end" water lines that are challenging to treat or flush and may contribute to downstream contamination. I'm sure that the DEQ is investigating all of this and we'd be very interested to hear of their findings to date. Our staff will be reaching out to see if DEQ is willing to offer any more information to public health at this point.

Jim

From: Moran, Susan (DCH)
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 11:01 AM
To: Becker, Timothy (DCH)
Cc: Davis, Matthew (DCH); Collins, Jim (DCH); Miller, Corinne (DCH)
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Yes, Epi has reached out to Genesee health dept and DEQ, Jim can you provide update.

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On Jan 28, 2015, at 10:32 AM, Becker, Timothy (DCH) <beckert1@michigan.gov> wrote:

More on Flint water. Has anyone from DCH been involved in this issue?:

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/01/mott_community_college_officia_4.html

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