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From: Benzle, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 1:16 PM
To: Cook, Pat (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); DeBruyn, Dana (DEQ); Philip, Kris (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Checking In
Attachments: ABC by state memlist.pdf

Here's some information for us to use in developing our sampling protocols for school and for estimating costs of conducting such a program.

Steve and I also contacted the Plumbing Division at DLARA to discuss their possible participation in conducting or assisting with plumbing profiles. According to our contact (Andy), there is no designation for local inspections in Genesee County, so state inspectors would be the ones doing plumbing inspections of schools in Flint. However, the school program was only conferred or transferred to the Plumbing Division about a dozen years ago, so they won't have historical records. But they do have people with knowledge necessary to conduct plumbing assessments that would help establish a sampling protocol for each school should the Governor's office determine the state assume that role. Joe Madziar is our normal contact at DLARA, but he was out of the office until tomorrow.

From: James Taft [<mailto:jtaft@asdwa.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 9:34 AM
To: Benzle, Richard (DEQ)
Cc: 'Osterhoudt, Darrell'
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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Subject: RE: Checking In

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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From: Taft, Jim [<mailto:jtaft@asdwa.org>]
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Subject: Checking In

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.

Jim Taft