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Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 7:59 AM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
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Subject: Voicemail from Ms. Jacklyn Pemberton (sp?), 810-252-3732

Yesterday, I received a voicemail from Ms. Jacklyn Pemberton (sp?), 810-252-3732 regarding the water in Flint. Please give her a call.

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To: Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ)
Subject: Water

I apologize for the slow responses. I've been pulled in many different directions over the past few days. Working with you and sampling the schools is my priority moving forward and my communications will be more prompt.

Mike, I left you a voicemail yesterday afternoon when I received the message that you left earlier in the day. Sorry my response wasn't sooner.

I'll be at my office by 8am tomorrow and I'd be happy to discuss anything.

George, I have the professional sanitarian staff to collect water at schools. The GCHD financial people calculated \$92/hr to cover costs. That didn't include 1 1/2 overtime pay. I can discuss this further.

I have the yellow copies of water (collection) forms used during our first round of sampling at the schools. I can fax, email or discuss them in detail.

If you need details from discussions between GCHD staff and the school staff during the sampling, I can have my staff to sit in on a conference call.

There seemed to be a lot of discrepancies regarding when/if and how long the fixtures were flushed.

The sanitarian that sampled Freeman Elementary told me that the drinking fountains appeared to have been used prior to him collecting the samples (there was water in the basins). Keep in mind, this was after the schools had prohibited use of the fountains. He told me that he assumed that students were randomly pushing the drinking fountain buttons as they walked by because they were told not to use them.

Steve, you made the expectations clear and detailed what everyone's role was with the first round. Of course some mistakes were expected, but the only consistency with flushing the water fixtures seemed to be the inconsistencies.

For example; The central kitchen was not informed and the fixtures were not flushed previous to our sampling. However; we sampled a prep sink that had not been used that morning, but the kitchen manager couldn't recall the last time it had been used.

I collected the samples at the school admin building and met with Tony Sitko. He wasn't sure, but thought the custodian flushed the drinking fountains and didn't know when they were flushed.

There are many similar experiences that my staff reported back to me. I don't mean this critically and this just confirms that mistakes and will occur regardless of how clear the instructions. I think your approach to limiting the different parties involvement with sampling will help reduce mistakes.

Thank Jim

Sent from my phone