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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Rosenthal, Adam (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Subject: TTHMs in Flint

Just had a call from a resident of Flint whose neighbor was told yesterday by the city to not drink the water because the TTHM level at her home was 95 ppb. The caller wanted to know if animals should be consuming the water. I told her she would have to consult with a toxicologist or someone familiar with veterinary medicine. I told her animals are less susceptible to some contaminants but more so to others, but as engineers and analysts, we were not the ones that would make that decision – we just pass it on if we find out.

She asked about other TTHM sampling locations and where they were in the city. I told her to contact one of you, starting with Adam.

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From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:52 AM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Cook, Pat (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); Shaler, Karen (DEQ); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ); Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ)
Subject: University of Michigan inquiry re: Flint

Yesterday, Steve Busch and I participated in a conference call with Professors Lutgarde Raskin and Krista Wigginton (Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering) and Prof. Stuart Batterman (School of Public Health) and several of their graduate students.

They wanted to discuss recent events in Flint and are interested in possibly providing sampling, analysis, and education/outreach to address potential lead exposure issues, TTHM issues, possibly microbial activity and/or aesthetic problems. They are aware of the report published on the ACLU website identifying lead as an issue in Flint and were interested in helping to obtain analytical data to determine the potential extent of the problem and to help residents understand what it means for them.

We suggested they begin by having discussions with the City to determine what level of assistance might be helpful to the City.

If this moves forward, we would recommend that DEQ, DHHS staff, LHD staff, and a group of local residents/stakeholders be included in discussions to guide future activities.

Today, Steve provided UM with contacts at the City. UM is interested in quickly arranging a preliminary meeting to flesh out what might happen going forward.

We'll keep you updated if this progresses.

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