

Angela or Jen,

Can you assist MDE (PIO?) so the message that goes out to the reporter is correct.

Thanks,
Jackie

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Burgess, Louis (MDE)" <burgessl@michigan.gov>
Date: November 13, 2015 at 10:24:17 AM EST
To: "Lixey-Terrill, Jennifer (DHHS)"
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Cc: "Thelen, Richard (DHHS)" <ThelenR4@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: School water testing guidelines

Jennifer, we got a reporter question about responsibility for water testing at schools. Do you know anything about this? MDE wants to respond, but we want to make sure we get the info straight on responsibility.

Louis

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From: Walters, Kevin (MDE)
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 9:40 AM
To: Disessa, William (MDE) <DisessaW1@michigan.gov>
Cc: Burgess, Louis (MDE) <burgessl@michigan.gov>; Dixon, Janice (MDE) <DixonJ5@michigan.gov>; Ackley, Martin (MDE) <AckleyM@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: School water testing guidelines

Bill

My experience is that all school buildings that serve food, including concession stands, are required to have health department testing. Some local city systems will also check water

quality in buildings (i.e. Drinking fountains) which I found was aligned with flushing or other water system operations. I do not recall off-hand whether specific lead testing was included in these, but certainly water testing is completed by other entities in school buildings.

Hope this helps.

Kevin

From: Disessa, William (MDE)
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 8:53:48 AM
To: Walters, Kevin (MDE)
Cc: Burgess, Louis (MDE); Dixon, Janice (MDE); Ackley, Martin (MDE)
Subject: FW: School water testing guidelines

Hi Kevin,

Do county health departments have, or share, a responsibility for water testing at schools? The reason we ask: we want to know whether, per the draft statement below, to refer questions to the Genesee County's Health Department -- either in lieu of or in addition to the DEQ.

Bill

From: Disessa, William (MDE)
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Ackley, Martin (MDE) (AckleyM@michigan.gov)
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Subject: FW: School water testing guidelines

Hi Marty,

Draft response:

Based on serious health concerns with Flint's water and the possibility of a similar problem happening elsewhere, the MDE agrees with the state DEQ's recommendation that all Michigan schools test their water. As the MDE has no statutory role in school water quality, however, we respectfully refer you to the DEQ for further comment.

Bill

From: Biolchini, Amy [<mailto:amy.biolchini@hollandsentinel.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 3:39 PM
To: Disessa, William (MDE) <DisessaW1@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: School water testing guidelines