

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

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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

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To: Disessa, William (MDE) <DisessaW1@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: School water testing guidelines

Hi Bill,

I'm writing a story about public schools' requirements for testing their water in light of the water crisis in Flint. Clearly, a different story here on the west side of the state, but I think there's some important issues.

-Are public schools in Michigan required to do any tap water testing on an annual basis?

-Earlier this year, the Department of Environmental Quality recommended that every school in the state test their water for lead, in light of what has happened in Flint.

(<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/life/wellness/2015/10/26/school-water/74606636/>)

Does the Michigan Department of Education share this sentiment?

My deadline is 2 p.m. Friday.

Best,

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