
From: Crooks, Jennifer <crooks.jennifer@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 3:52 PM
To: Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Flint River Monitoring

Yes! I saw that too! Great detective work, Steve!

From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ) [mailto:PRYSBYM@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Crooks, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Flint River Monitoring

Also, not sure if the complainant read further into the Wikipedia reference....the reference provides discussion on the formation of TTHMs in drinking water through the reaction between chlorine and the TTHMs precursors present from the source water.

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From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 3:33 PM
To: Crooks, Jennifer
Cc: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Flint River Monitoring

Jennifer,

Here is what we think your complainant may be referring to:

The solvent/refrigerant reference appears to come from Wikipedia
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trihalomethane>

The Flint Public Notice was mailed out to residents on January 2, 2015.
http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/01/flint_water_has_high_disinfect.html

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From: Crooks, Jennifer [mailto:crooks.jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 3:02 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)

Cc: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)

Subject: RE: Flint River Monitoring

Thank you, Steve, for such a prompt answer—I definitely appreciate it. So, I thought I would respond below—is this accurate in your opinion?

“Your letter indicated that you received a letter of alert regarding refrigerant and cleaning solvents found in the Flint River. Three different programs in the Water Resources Division were contacted, and none were aware of any reports of dumping of these chemicals, nor of any monitoring being done on the Flint River for these chemicals.”

Jennifer

From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ) [<mailto:BUSCHS@michigan.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 1:06 PM

To: Crooks, Jennifer

Cc: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)

Subject: Flint River Monitoring

Jennifer,

Per our phone conversation this morning, I have contacted MDEQ Water Resources Division Staff. This included:

Stephanie Kammer, Acting Lansing District Supervisor

Chuck Bennett, NPDES and Wastewater Engineering

William Keiper, Aquatic Biologist, Surface Water Assessment Section

Susan Doty, Storm Water NPDES and Non-point Source

All responded and none of them are aware of such monitoring (solvents or refrigerants) being done on the Flint River.

Please let me know if you end up with a copy of this “Letter of Alert” from your complainant. I’m sure we would all be interested in the source of such information.

Thanks.

Stephen Busch, P.E.

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