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Sent: Friday, May 01, 2015 10:11 AM
To: Cook, Pat (DEQ)
Subject: FW: backflow documentation?
Attachments: Irrigation Cross Connection Utah.pdf; Residential Irrigation Contaminates News Reporter Drinking water.pdf; Residential Irrigation Contamination.pdf; Residential Irrigation triggers boil water order.pdf; 2010 Whitepaper on Residential CCC.pdf; FDA finds salmonella from Irrigation.pdf; BPI_Methods and Frequency of Testing_Paper_3_5_15.pdf; BPI_Tester Education, Training, Certification_12_17_14.pdf

Pat,

I sent your request out to some of my contacts. Stave Fox, who works in our Delaware office sent the attached info. Also, we work with Chip Matthews on some projects in Maryland. His comment regarding what the attorneys said are interesting. Has this been sent to the attorneys general office for review? Apparently at least one county attorney believes that if the county were to not follow industry standards they could find themselves at risk of litigation. Is the State prepared to take on that risk, because I am sure the local purveyors will be very quick to point the finger at Lansing if something were to happen.

Hope this helps.

Have a great weekend!
 Paul

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From: Steve Fox
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 7:35 PM
To: Paul Patterson
Subject: FW: backflow documentation?

Paul,

I asked Chip for his input since he battled this in Anne Arundel county, MD. I hope some of this helps

Respectfully,
 Steve Fox

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From: Chip Matthews [<mailto:chip@crossconnectionpartners.com>]
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I am not surprised it comes up over and over again.

When we worked with a local County to overcome this thinking, the County attorney stated that if the County paid for the backflow prevention, then the County would be responsible for the backflow prevention. The County would be responsible for the backflow prevention.

It is too bad that the MI State Attorney General could not issue the same guidance or some Attorney in that state.

When someone gets sick now from the irrigation water, how does the State defend itself?

Chip

From: Steve Fox [<mailto:sfox@hydrocorpinc.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Chip Matthews; Chip Matthews
Subject: FW: backflow documentation?

Chip,
 See below. If you have anything we can use to prove the need for residential irrigation isolation please let me know. I do have the article you sent me earlier.

Respectfully,
 Steve Fox



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