

To: John Hudak; Mark Kneibel; John Crable; Steve Fox

Subject: FW: backflow documentation?

Good Afternoon Gentlemen,

As you can see we have another brilliant State representative that refuses to let this topic go. If anyone knows of any recent residential specific irrigation system backflow events please send me links or info so I can pass along to Pat Cook at MDEQ. He is one of the good guys.

There is other info he has been asked for as well. You can see his e-mail below. I have already sent him some info but the more ammo he has the better.

Thanks, Paul



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Here we go again.....

I hope everything is going well for you folks these days. I know I have asked this of you in the past, but if you have any info regarding the below request, please forward it to me within the next week or so. I do have some documentation regarding backflow incidents from residential lawn irrigation systems, but I'm looking for more. The below message is from the DEQ Legislative Liaison that I received earlier today.

Pat - Rep. Yonker just requested any records of contamination that we have due to the failure of a residential sprinkler backflow device. I know there isn't much out there from across the US. We'll need to send over actual documentation, studies, published newspaper articles, etc; factual documentation----not just something where someone mentions it happened. He doesn't want info on contamination from other sources aside from backflow failures on residential sprinkler systems. We'll need as many examples as possible.

Also, if there are any documents from credible sources that discuss lack of documentation and why it's so hard to catch how and when it happens, those would be helpful as well.

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