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Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:42 PM
To: Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Need your help: TTHM reports statewide?

That's helpful. Thanks.

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Liane,

Not sure of the date range of the TTHM monitoring stats in your attachment or if you are interested in other disinfection byproduct MCL issues such as HAA5. If just the last year or so, then what I say below is moot. But if you are going back a ways then:

The City of Manistique exceeded the disinfection byproducts MCL for HAA5 in 2008 and 2009 and had to post public notice twice. They have since did some treatment plant upgrades, and have returned to full compliance.

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Brad --

Attached is some preliminary data from our database. Information has not been vetted by district staff but it provides context for the problem (or the limited nature of the problem).

I'm cc'ing DS's so they can see what we've shared and can chime in if they have other perspectives to share.

Liane

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Hey, friends. Working with the Flint Journal on a look at TTHM. He noted that the neighboring community has struggled with it or at least is recently out of compliance with the standard. The ABC 12 water testing showed some samples higher than standard.

I'm working to help put the issue in context: It's not that uncommon. It's measured quarterly, which should reflect our long term concern with it, as opposed to other testing which is daily or hourly.

The natural question becomes how often do we find systems with elevated TTHM levels? Do we have reporting figures that would offer some perspective here?

I'm out for the day at 2 p.m. Please let me know.

b

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