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Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 8:49 AM
To: Monosmith, Carrie (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Cc: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)
Subject: NYC Legionnaires Disease Outbreak

Not sure if any of you might have seen this over the weekend. Should the outbreak continue to spread, this issue may gain traction nationwide.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/08/01/legionnaires-death-toll-climbs-4-dead-nyc/30998721/>

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/health/2015/08/02/new-york-legionnaires-disease-dnt-ganim-nr.cnn-ap>

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 3:30 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Information Request and Documentation

Please see the note below.

Has there been any further communication with or from DCH?

From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 3:05 PM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
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Response from Jim Henry below.

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From: Henry, James [<mailto:jhenry@gchd.us>]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2015 12:15 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Cc: Valacak, Mark; Cupal, Suzanne
Subject: RE: Information Request and Documentation

Hello Mr. Busch,

Thanks for your response. I'm looking forward to working with your office moving forward. Based upon my experiences with this investigation, I think it is necessary for my communications to be candid and followed up in writing whenever possible. Our goal is to successfully conduct this investigation in efforts to better protect the public.

I agree there are ambiguities written in the FOIA request. GCHD does not have municipal water system expertise and we are continuously learning about the processes. The FOIA request is specific enough that we should have received a timely response from the City of Flint. Also, it is addressed to the City and I apologize if there were misunderstandings regarding the intended recipient.

There have not been any conclusions regarding the source of illnesses. Our team is gathering information and we suspect there may be several sources. It has been made clear that the Flint municipal water system is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. It seems reasonable that your office would be involved regardless if a potential health risk from municipal water is related to consumption, inhalation or dermal exposure. Perhaps the legislation should be revisited to better address risks.