

appropriate, common message as well as when such information should be shared and by whom. Determine how long has Genesee County, DCH, and Flint been aware of the increased cases of Legionella and what the message should be about delays in public notification.

- 5) Determine additional steps – possible monitoring protocols, premise plumbing treatment options, public precautions if any, etc.; Consider possible CDC assistance.
- 6) Determine if EPA will be willing to share their draft Legionella guidance document being developed by a workgroup consisting of EPA, the States of Ohio, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Washington, Nevada, Missouri and Nebraska, and CDC. The guidance will characterize the effectiveness of treatment technologies to address Legionella and address relevant regulatory implications. The primary implication is that individual customers that install “secondary” treatment systems to remove, reduce or prevent Legionella in their premise plumbing (such as hospitals are already doing) become by federal definition, public water systems required to comply with all applicable requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The guidance has been delayed by internal reviews at EPA, but they are hoping to be able to have a final document in summer of 2015.

That’s all I can think of at this point. Let me know what you think.

From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:37 AM
To: Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Information Request and Documentation

Mike,

I am not aware of a meeting request from Jim Henry or the Genesee County Health Department as indicated in his email below. Did you receive any such request?

The FOIA is specifically directed to the City of Flint not the DEQ. If requested some of the information asked for regarding Total Coliform and E.Coli compliance sampling could be provided, but there may also be additional construction repair sampling data.

We can respond to Jim when you get back in, but at this point while the change in source may have created water quality conditions that could provide additional organic nutrient source to support legionella growth, there is no evidence or confirmation of legionella coming directly from the Water Treatment Plant or in the community water supply distribution system at this time.

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From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 7:35 AM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: Fwd: Information Request and Documentation

I am out today and will return tomorrow. Having trouble getting the attachment to open on my phone...but since it appears to be a FOIA regarding Legionella, I felt it is prudent to get this message to you. I will be available tomorrow to discuss or compile any info that we have.

Sent from my iPhone

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