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Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:44 PM
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I haven't seen the actual filter but Geralyn clearly stated our need for filters that meet the requirements specified to screen lead. These should be easy do it yourself filters that thread right on to the faucet.

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 7:41 PM, Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote:

My input below:

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I like it. Does Eden have what she needs? YES

I do have a couple of questions.

Can we say publicly that there is no lead when the water leaves the treatment site? THAT SEEMS TO BE A DEQ QUESTION FOR ME

Is our lead program going to modify our lead home investigations or abatement strategy WE CAN AND AKREADY HAVE DISCUSSED DOING SO; E.G>: IF WE CONDUCT AN EBL INVESTIGATION NOW< THE HOME ABATEMENT GROUP WILL ALSO TEST THE WATER 990% OF IMTE LEAD PAINTIS MANOR ISSUE--RIGHT NOW IN FLINT WATER NOW MAY HAVE A ROLE)

Can I give summary info for the zip codes or city as a whole? FOR OTHERS TO INOUT AS WELL, BUT CORINNE SAID IT WAS OK IF I REPORTED DATA (HIGH LEVELS OVER 5, 15 AND \$%) BY IO AS WELL.

There is a big bump in 14 and then it drops again in the fall? Are we sharing the chart and if so does that give us some rationale to say it looked seasonal, even in the high impacted zip codes? YES- SEASONALITY RATIONALE HAS TO DO WITH CHIDREN BEING OUTSIDE< OLD HOMES WITH LEAD PAINT WINDOWS BEING OPENED, INCREASED DUST WITH LEAD IN IT BLOWING AROUND<

ETC> THERE IS SEASONAL VARIATION IN WATER LEAD AS WELL DUE TO pH AND TEMPERATURE FLUCTUATIONS, AMONG OTHER FACTORS.

I'd like to express my appreciation to the Hurley doctors for bringing this issue to our attention. Is that ok? I PLAN ON IT TOO!!! YES YES YES IS MY VOTE!!!!

Can I confidently say that we were not aware before last week. I WAS AWARE ONLY OF VT AND DEQ MEDIA; UNTIL THURSDAY LAST WEEK.

Somewhere in my talking points I want to say that the department goal or my goal is to prevent or minimize lead exposure in children regardless of source. I think that fits in nicely before the lead part in my points. I AGREE AND THAT IS MY MAJOR COMMUNICATION OBJECTIVE AS WELL.

I was told we really don't do surveillance per se, but instead treat children as we become aware. Should we modify our point that? WE DO DO BLOOD LEAD TESTING IN HIGH RISK CHILDREN---THIS IS A FORM OF PH SURVEILLANCE---WE GET ALL RESULTS (ALL NUMBERS TESTED, and ALL POSITIVES OVER 5 micrograms/dL) AND LEVELS OVER 5 ARE IN THE DATA SYSTEM FOR MONITORING/FOLLOW_UP/SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES

Do you have a document that describes the lead program I can use if asked that contains general info like:

How long does a child need to have a blood level of .05 before it compromises a child's health or future? How about above .14? LEVELS OF 5 **FOR ANY TIME** ARE NOT CONSIDERED SAFE DUE TO AFFECTS OF LEAD ON NERVOUS SYSTEM---IF THEY TEST OVER 5, THE FAMILY MUST BE COUNSELED AND/OR OTHER REMEDIATION MUST BE DONE DEPENDING UPON LEVEL> WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE LEVELS PERSIST OR INCREASE....IN FACT, FOR THOSE CHILDREN IN THE RANGE OF 5-14 THE LEAD PROGRAM/DOCTOR ENSURE CHILD TESTED 1-3 MONTHS LATER TO ENSURE DROPPING BELOW 5...

What does blood test measure? (Parts per million). MICROGRAM/DECILITER; µg/dL

Anything else that I might be asked that I should know if Eden isn't standing next to me. ????? FUNDS FOR INCREASED TESTING OR ABATEMENT?

Tim - Did you see the exact filter? Is it easy to install? Are we audit meets federal standards?

That's all for the moment.

Thanks,
Nick

On Oct 1, 2015, at 6:09 PM, Wells, Eden (DHHS) <WellsE3@michigan.gov> wrote: