

distilled), or a reverse osmosis system. We are hoping to get a reasonably accurate number of patients who may be affected so that we can get the information to them (through you, or through an outside referral clinic) and also see if it is possible to get funding for those who may have difficulty obtaining the necessary water or system, particularly during the next year when the water is still considered more corrosive than average. It is also important to note that copper pipes tend to be more common in newer homes, so the distribution of high concentrations of copper in water may be different than that for lead."

I am also going to send this information to Eden Wells at MDHHS at her request.

When I spoke to Dr. Marc Edwards on the phone, he did send a list of all the other metals for which he tested and none were over the action limit. As may have been mentioned earlier, he also said that there were no samples which had copper over the action limit, but that is not the appropriate limit for patients with copper storage disease. This problem is clearly much less widespread than the lead problem, but after being surprised once, I don't want for us to leave anything else out this time around.

Laura

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Good afternoon!

At the request of Peter Levine, please find a draft letter attached for your review.

After you have taken a moment to review this letter, please respond with your comments regarding additions/edits, or with your approval.

Thank you in advance for your attention and response.

Respectfully,

Sherry Smith

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