

I just spoke to this young researcher at Hurley, and apparently, she has been unable to get access to the state blood lead records.

I have to say, it is very disturbing that the state keeps issuing these blood lead reports and statements in their press releases, and refuses to share the data backing them up with outside researchers.

Even worse, state reps are running around claiming that these reports are proof that Flint water is safe to drink.

Can you tell me why it is so difficult to get this data, and why your agency is raising so many obstacles to sharing it with everyone who asks? I note that I have been asking to see your data since MDEQ first sent it to reporters back in August, and I count 10 e-mails that I sent responding to all your questions. As of yet, you have given me nothing in response. Yet you have been sending reporters one report after another. It seems your agency is more interested in public relations than sound science.

In the meantime, can I at least be given the numbers of EBL cases and number of tests each month, that are the basis for the latest graph your agency is sending to the press...or is that top secret as well?

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I'll be out of the office until Wednesday, Sept 23. I'll respond to your message when I return.