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CC: Davis, Ginny [Davis.Ginny@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: New Martinsville WV ALS and Paden City PCE concerns

In yesterday's paper

https://wtov9.com/news/local/water-contaminated-once-again-community-concerned

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From: Werner, Lora S. (ATSDR/DCHI/EB) <lkw9@cdc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 4:07 PM
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Cc: Davis, Ginny <Davis.Ginny@epa.gov>
Subject: New Martinsville WV ALS and Paden City PCE concerns

Hello Mark, Karrie, and Den

Please see attached for correspondence from a resident in New Martinsville, WV who is concerned about ALS in her community and is asking for a community health study to evaluate this concern and a possible relationship with PCE, which was detected above the MCL in her Paden City public drinking water supply last year. She cc'd a number of people including Ginny and me as well as the Governor, US Senators and her US Representative.

Below is some background on ATSDR/my limited past involvement related to the ALS concerns in WV and the Paden City PCE site for your reference. I do expect ATSDR will develop a response for our side, and am glad to keep EPA R3 in the loop. Not sure what our timing is at this point. A phone call is planned for 2 weeks from now. Could you do the same on your side?

Background on ATSDR R3 past activities:

New Martinsburg WV ALS and Martinsburg WV ALS Concerns:
I did have several telephone and email communications with Ms. [redacted] in February and March 2018, after she was referred to me by the EPA R3 Information Center (Ginny).

- At that time as she noted, she was focused on pesticides and wanted testing on her property. I told her that unless there was an investigation related to an accidental environmental release, environmental agencies would generally not perform this type of testing at residential properties.
- I gave her recommendations about private testing for pesticides as well as the information line for the National Pesticide Information center to talk to them about her questions about pesticide exposures and health and sampling.
- I also recommended that she reach out to the ALS Association of WV (although perhaps by that time she was already connected with your organization? She did not mention that to me then).
- I thanked her for her family's participation in ATSDR's National ALS Registry. I coordinated with ATSDR's ALS Registry and WV state health after receiving her concern, and was aware that Ms. [redacted] met with Paul at the ALS conference. I have not had any further engagement with this family since then.

- Earlier in 2017, ALS concerns were also brought up by a physician (Dr. Zamora) in Martinsburg WV and I coordinated with state health and ATSDR's ALS registry on this concerns as well. This physician was also raising pesticides as a possible risk factor. I shared information about some regional pesticide sampling in the Eastern Panhandle that the state and USGS were involved with at that time.

Paden City PCE:
In March 2019, an EPA R3 On Scene Coordinator (Den) notified me about PCE levels detected in Paden City WV via a newspaper article. However, he did not request ATSDR assistance with this issue and I presently do not have any exposure data. I did not know the Paden City water was the drinking water for this New Martinsburg family until I read Ms. [redacted] letter just now. (note, Karrie and Den, if you do have any data on this drinking water aspect that you can share with me at this point, that would be helpful).

Thank you, Lora

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