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Subject: RE: MDHHS/EPA DUA modifications

Darren,
During the ENV room meeting earlier this week you mentioned that Brittany, an attorney for MDHHS reached out to you with questions regarding a data use agreement. I indicated I could possibly shed light on that subject and asked you to contact me. I never did hear from you; perhaps there was a misunderstanding as to who was going to contact whom. Regardless, it still seems beneficial for you me and Liz to meet and discuss Brittany's concerns.

I know you worked with JP and others a couple years ago on an agreement regarding de-identified data; that is not entirely pertinent to our current work in Benton Harbor. Additional conversation is necessary. Again, I'll request that you, Darren, Liz and myself meet to discuss the current concerns/questions you recently received from Brittany.

JP,
Know that a lot of work has occurred on the topic of data sharing specific to the Benton Harbor project over the past month. I know you are tasked with many other, engineering specific assignments. To minimize confusion, Liz and I will meet with Darren and address the current concerns/questions.

Aaron

From: Nshimyimana, Jean Pierre (DHHS) <NshimyimanaJ@michigan.gov>
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Subject: FW: MDHHS/EPA DUA modifications

Hello Aaron,

I had a phone call conversation with Darren this morning as a person who led the previous agreement MDHHS-Drinking Water Investigation Unit signed with the USEPA for research related work in all lead ALE communities in the State of Michigan where particulate and general chemistry samples are being collected.

The signed agreement was prepared according to a meeting MDHHS and the USEPA had on December 12, 2019 after the USEPA visit at MDHHS-DEH November 2019. The meeting determined the main goals of the collaboration project (meeting report is attached to this email) and It was agreed that the meeting report would be used as a guide for the collaboration and data agreement will provide needed clarification. All these documents were reviewed by MDHHS and EPA management and approved prior to signing the data agreement document.

Darren mentioned that the signed agreement is still in effect and will not be revised on the USEPA side. Darren plans to have a discussion after the Benton Harbor emergency response on the implementation of the project covered by the agreement. The Benton Harbor work is being covered by the USEPA data sharing agreement.

Sincerely,

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Do you know anything about this??

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Hello Brittany,

I was forwarded your email (see below) and I am a bit confused. The agreement (attached pdf) has already been signed. The signed agreement covers a broad statewide project where we are collaborating to study lead particles in water. This effort has been in the works for well over a year. Whereas the edited Word file seems to be attempting to focus on Benton Harbor and there is discussion of PII, neither of which are or should be part of this project. The word file appears to be a different agreement and not one I initiated. Do you know where it came from or history behind it so I can do some follow-up?

Thanks, Darren

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Afternoon Seth!

I've attached 2 documents to this email – the first is what I believe is an executed agreement between MDHHS/EPA. The second has some proposed changes that our environmental health staff have determined are important to address, particularly in light of the operations on the ground. Some of the main questions are how data is shared and protected and I kept their notations in text for you to see. Are any of these things that we can amend the agreement to reflect? I'd love your input when you are able. I have meetings most of this afternoon but will be available here and there – you can always reach my via email, of course.

Thank you very much!

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