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From: Lytle, Darren
Sent: Wed 12/2/2015 3:08:23 PM
Subject: RE: Rough Draft Legionnaires Disease Media Release

I heard from the County late yesterday that they are not moving on the press release. I expressed our concerns to them. As it turns out, my original email request and attached draft release to the task force got around to many including Michigan's State Health Department who was not aware of the potential release. That immediately halted things. My understanding is the R5 RA will be pushing the MDEQ and State health department to get CDC on board and work with us as well (Tim or Tom P can confirm). I guess the County is not permitted to go directly to CDC with concerns but rather must go through the State (who then can go to CDC).

To give you some numbers that I have seen, confirmed Legionellosis cases in Genessee county of 12, 13, 8, 41 and 44 were reported during 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 as provided by the County. For reference, the water switch occurred in late April 2014 (all 2014 cases occurred between June and Dec) and the switch back occurred late October 2015. Although a lot of data was collected, the County was not able to identify the source of Legionella and is looking for help. Spikes in cases occurred during Summer months so the County is very concerned of a repeat next Summer, and as a result, there is an immediate need to understand the source. We are in the colder months now and the County is currently not seeing elevated numbers of cases.

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Note recommendation from Tom related to review of draft Legionella press release.

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I would strongly recommend consultation with CDC and the MI state epidemiologist before the press release is final. The increase should be characterized and statistically analyzed. Need to look at population, location and trend data to determine significance. This is a very important first step.

Tom

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> On Dec 1, 2015, at 1:11 PM, Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov> wrote:
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become a significant story.
> I'll keep you posted as we learn more on this. Thanks, P.G.
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> From: Cupal, Suzanne [mailto:scupal@gchd.us]
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> Darren-
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> The attached is a really rough draft of the media release. We would appreciate feedback from the EPA task force.
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> Thank you for your assistance.
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