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From: Allgeier, Steve
Sent: Sat 2/22/2014 9:21:22 PM
Subject: RE: WV Elk River Incident Fact Sheet

Jeff,

Thanks for sharing. I'm still involved on the periphery of the incident. We're currently trying to assess fate and transport of MCHM in premise plumbing, and about the best we can do is come up with reasonable hypotheses given the lack of data.

There are many lessons to be learned from this incident, including the establishment of acceptable exposure thresholds and risk communication to the public. I'll keep you in the loop too, as things develop.

Steve

From: Swertfeger, Jeff <Jeff.Swertfeger@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2014 11:35 AM
To: Allgeier, Steve
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I don't know if you are still following this, but someday this might be a good lesson in public health communication. Nobody out there including the cdc will come out and say the water is safe. They use a bunch of terms like acceptable for use and crap like that. As a result the public is still afraid to use it.

Also just in case you see data for mchm from samples taken a while ago, we found that it degrades very quickly. I wouldn't trust values from samples more than a day or two old.

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The following message is sent on behalf of Elizabeth Scharman.

This was distributed to MD's and DO's (through their respective medical boards) by WV's State Health Officer. We are also sending it to physicians calling about patients with water concerns that they are seeing.

Obviously, the press ended up with a copy.

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