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Subject: Fwd: Your request for references about enterobacteria as "normal" part of regrowth

FACHEP and UM Team,

Sharing with Sarah and Jevon as well as they were present on Friday.

These are precisely the concerns that I raised at our Friday morning meeting. Before statements are made regarding individual or public health implications there needs to be data showing that an environmental presence leads to disease. There was definitely a problem with communication at your town meeting that implicated somehow rashes and respiratory diseases were associated with filter bacteria- again, see slide 21.

Again I cannot say this enough, the Enterobacteriaceae family is very large, and most are not pathogens. However, if a pathogen is found, the causation of disease is another element of important clinical research that I think the engineers involved here are not addressing with these types of studies, making such public implications towards health risk of concern. Anecdotes are not acceptable.

I will be the very first one as a physician and as a public health practitioner to review any evidence that would implicate any risk for disease towards individuals or populations immediately. This is why I appreciate so much the meeting we had on Friday and the collegiality of your group, Shawn.

This is also a very personal issue for me, in addition to being a resident of Ann Arbor with some of the studies have been done. My brother lives in coastal Mississippi and he and his neighbors there must use filters for the very poor water quality they are receiving. He is also extremely immunosuppressed due to chemotherapy. However I have not change my recommendations for him other than to ensure that he is changing his filters regularly and using them per the manufacturers instructions. And due to the fact that he was a past smoker I've actually advised him about keeping his showerheads clean.

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Hopefully Eden weighing in will help. It is like we have to hit some people between the eyes with

two, 2x4s, to get attention.

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Thank you, Marc. Closing the loop so you can see that I hope Nancy understands that we had the same discussion with Wayne State on Friday morning.

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On Jan 8, 2017, at 6:24 PM, Shawn McElmurry

<s.mcelmurry@wayne.edu> wrote:

Hey Eden, I appreciate your comments regarding Marc E's email and thank you very much for the meeting on Friday.

We understand there is some confusion and likely misinterpretation that arose from our meeting on December 14. We are not entirely clear about where exactly the misunderstanding about rashes and respiratory illness comes from. As we have discussed, we believe this is associated with resident's self-reports. You have referenced slide 21 multiple times and at our meeting on Friday Jevon offered to provide feedback on our presentation. We look forward to receiving Jevon's feedback as it will be very helpful. It is difficult for us to control the interpretation of results. We are working hard to communicate what we know and what we do not know. We look forward to working with you and others so that remaining questions are addressed. We are sorry that there appears to be some misinterpretation of what was presented at our public meeting.

I look forward to seeing you and others in Chicago on Tuesday.

Shawn