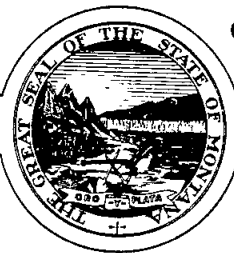


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Dear Ms. Manning:

I am responding to Richard W. Niemeier's request for information pertaining to laws/actions specific to cases of home contamination in the state of Montana. To my knowledge no formal system of tracking such cases exists.

If the Montana Dept. of Health & Environmental Sciences receives a complaint or has suspicion of any situation that may be hazardous to a resident's health, referrals are often made to local county health officers. These local health officials are empowered with whatever means are necessary to ensure public health. Such referrals are made on a case-by-case basis and are not followed by the department.

The Disaster & Emergency Services Bureau has informed me that any time a pre-hospital provider comes in contact with body fluids, that individual can file a request, using a department form, medical information specific to the patient they were in contact with. The department does not track these cases and any exchange of information between the provider and the patient's physician is confidential.

I apologize for the delay in responding to your request, if we can provide you with any additional information, please contact the department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelly D. Cleverly".

Shelly D. Cleverly
Industrial Hygienist

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