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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **City of Milwaukee Health Department to Co-host Legionella Prevention and Control Symposium**

*Educational symposium follows 2013 regional outbreak, seeks to build communitywide prevention effort*

MILWAUKEE – On Wednesday, April 9, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) and WATERTECH of America, Inc., will host a Legionella Prevention and Control Symposium aimed at informing building owners and engineers as well as facility plant and maintenance managers of how they can prevent bacteria growth and subsequent community exposure from cooling tower or other building water system sources.

The symposium comes after 58 cases of legionellosis, or Legionnaires' disease, were reported from June to September 2013 in Milwaukee County, with 45 cases confirmed in the city of Milwaukee alone. A common source among the cases was not identified, but previous outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease have been linked to contaminated cooling towers, decorative fountains and hot tubs.

The event is a continuation of MHD efforts to continue to build public-private partnerships to improve health outcomes throughout the community, and will provide attendees with access to national, state, and local experts on the prevention and control of legionella bacteria.

**WHAT:** Legionella Prevention & Control Symposium

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 9

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**WHERE:** Harley-Davidson Museum  
Rumble (Above Motor Bar & Restaurant)  
400 West Canal Street, Milwaukee

**EVENT SPEAKERS:** Janet E. Stout, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering  
Thomas Haupt, Wisconsin Department of Health Services  
Joe Russell, CWT, WATERTECH of America, Inc.  
Paul Biedrzycki, City of Milwaukee Health Department

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