DSHS-to-City referral source guide

July 15 and 21, 2025 messages; September 3, 2026 guide

RECORD TYPE

Verified source guide and quotations

SELECTION AND CONTEXT

Four requester-prepared source-guide pages and selected email quotations. These are reading aids, not original email facsimiles. Both native email checksums, sizes, dates, recipients and quoted referral passages were checked against the local MSG originals. The complete native emails remain outside this selection. The referrals do not show a City acknowledgment or establish that DSHS directed an asbestos inspection. The original guide normalizes typography, including spelling out the section symbol. Underlying referrals already appear in the library; this selection is the source guide.

SOURCE

Moring_EPA_DSHS_Response_Evidence_Addendum_Exhibits_V-AB_2026-09-03.pdf

ORIGINAL PDF PAGES

44, 45, 46, 47

SCOPE

Only the following selected pages are included. This copy does not clear or reproduce the complete source binder.

EXHIBIT AB

DSHS-to-City referral records dated July 15 and July 21, 2025

Two native Outlook messages document that DSHS Retail Food Safety Operations forwarded the submitter's complaints to City official John Ankrum, called each transmission a referral, and requested confirmation of receipt.

Reading notes

- The July 21 forwarded complaint expressly included the DSHS asbestos case, alleged survey and NESHAP deficiencies, pre-permit tear-off, open dumpsters, and City permit concerns.

- The records establish an interagency referral trail but do not merge the agencies' legal authority or establish that DSHS directed the City to conduct an asbestos inspection.

- The following pages reproduce material portions for concise review; the hashed native MSG files control and should be provided with the addendum if the receiving agency accepts native email files.

Native-source identification and evidentiary limits

The two source files are native Microsoft Outlook MSG records supplied by the submitter from a City records production. Each contains one non-substantive inline DSHS signature image. The complete native messages, rather than the selected material reproductions on the following pages, control.

Date / record	Native-file details
July 15, 2025 DSHS forward to John Ankrum	217,088 bytes SHA-256: b9ea5d5f230a97fc2c5c4290153e5c2fb1e360965f9b0be75425ef694c828638
July 21, 2025 DSHS forward to John Ankrum; two DSHS officials copied	260,608 bytes SHA-256: 1cd1997df68513b552489ac60937d1002d865eb0cbecb1ca693cf91a78a19acf

What these records establish

- On July 15 and July 21, DSHS Retail Food Safety Operations forwarded complete complaints to City official John Ankrum, called each transmission a referral, and requested confirmation of receipt.

- The July 21 forwarded complaint expressly included DSHS Asbestos Complaint 1499252131, alleged survey and NESHAP deficiencies, pre-permit tear-off, open dumpsters, and City Permit ROOF35226.

- The July 15 forwarded complaint was originally addressed to DSHS Asbestos Help, copied to DSHS Food Establishments, identified Case 1499252131, and included an asbestos-survey-compliance section alongside food-safety allegations.

Limits

These two messages do not show a City acknowledgment or later action, and their silence does not prove that no other record exists. They do not state that DSHS directed the City to perform an asbestos inspection; the agencies may have exercised different legal authority. The July 13 embedded complaint reflected the submitter's then-current understanding that the originally discussed membrane was negative; it predates the submitter's later knowledge of the July 11 positive mastic result.

July 15, 2025 DSHS referral

From	Jaime Sepulveda, DSHS Retail Food Safety Operations
To	John Ankrum (jankrum@mpcity.org)
Sent	July 15, 2025, 4:26:33 p.m. CDT (21:26:33 UTC)
Subject	FW: Case No. 1499252131 Follow-Up Concerns - Ongoing Uncontained Roof Construction and Public Exposure at Walmart #131

DSHS forwarding note - reproduced

"Good afternoon,

The Texas DSHS Retail Food Safety Operations received some concerns regarding an establishment in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Please see the email below.

A response that this referral has been received will be greatly appreciated.

Let us know if you have any questions."

Embedded July 13 complaint - material record

- From Kyle Moring to DSHS Asbestos Help; DSHS Food Establishments copied. Subject identified Case No. 1499252131 and ongoing uncontained roof construction/public exposure.

- The complaint described June 25-July 12 roof activity, falling debris, food-contamination concerns, Permit ROOF35226, and missing inspection records.

- It included a section titled "Asbestos Survey Compliance (25 TAC section 296.191)" and requested that DSHS re-engage, conduct a follow-up inspection, require corrective measures, address exposed products, consider enforcement, and communicate the outcome.

- The message also offered photographs and three large cloud-linked files; those cloud files are not embedded in this native MSG record.

Evidentiary point

This record establishes a DSHS-initiated referral of the complete complaint and a request for City acknowledgment. It does not, by itself, establish the scope of any City response or that DSHS asked the City to perform asbestos-program duties.

July 21, 2025 DSHS referral

From	Jaime Sepulveda, DSHS Retail Food Safety Operations
To	John Ankrum (jankrum@mpcity.org)
Cc	Joe Williams (DSHS); Lewis Ressler (DSHS)
Sent	July 21, 2025, 2:01:53 p.m. CDT (19:01:53 UTC)
Subject	FW: Escalating Food Contamination and Public Health Concerns - Walmart Store #131, Mount Pleasant, Texas

DSHS forwarding note - reproduced

"The Texas DSHS Retail Food Safety Operations received some concerns regarding an establishment in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Please see the email below. **A response that this referral has been received will be greatly appreciated.** Let us know if you have any questions."

Embedded July 21 complaint - asbestos-related passage reproduced

"Permit #ROOF35226, issued by the City, reflects serious administrative deficiencies, including incorrect fee calculations, lack of issuance date, and missing asbestos documentation. Asbestos oversight concerns were formally submitted to the DSHS Asbestos Program on June 30, 2025, and assigned Complaint #1499252131. That complaint detailed:

- Absence of NESHAP notification and updated asbestos survey
- 2006 and 2013 reports that excluded roof membrane sampling
- Tear-off activity prior to permit issuance and use of uncontained open dumpsters
- Documented water intrusion in food departments during demolition"

Other material content

- The complaint alleged continuing food and merchandise contamination from roof debris and described the July 18 City visit and conditions observed on July 19.

- It asked DSHS to conduct an immediate inspection, investigate Permit ROOF35226 and City enforcement practices, and determine whether affected products were adulterated.

Evidentiary point

This record directly establishes that DSHS forwarded the complete complaint containing the listed asbestos, permit, tear-off, and dumpster allegations to the City's Building Director as a referral, copied two other DSHS officials, and asked the City to confirm receipt.