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RE: [EXTERNAL] Wyandotte children and 5G- FDAs recent 5G safety research and new safety opinion.

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Fri, Mar 31, 2023 at 10:43 AM

Dear Ms. Scarato,

Your email below to Ms. Ellen Flannery, Deputy Director for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH), was forwarded to me for response in my capacity as Ombudsman for CDRH. Please be aware the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not have regulatory authority over cell phone towers and has not done an assessment on the safety of radiofrequency energy being emitted from antennas located on cell phone towers. The Federal Communication Commission regulates cell phone towers and publishes guidelines for placement of antenna sites ([link](#)). The FDA has no additional responses to your questions below.

Best regards,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wyandotte children and 5G- FDAs recent 5G safety research and new safety opinion.

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A letter to the FDA regarding its 5G cell antenna safety statements from Theodora Scarato Executive Director of [Environmental Health Trust](#)

Dear FDA Attorney Ellen Flannery,

In a news broadcast it was stated that **"FOX 2 reached out to the Food and Drug Administration which shared research claiming exposure to radio frequency energy has no major health effects."** Watch the video report here <https://www.fox2detroit.com/video/1198153>

Here are my two questions.

Question 1: I am writing to ask that the FDA share with us, the Wyandotte parent community and the elected officials the emails, correspondence and the research and 5G cell tower safety data that the FDA shared with Detroit 2 News as referenced in the news report.

We note that in an email to a California mother you representing the FDA specifically stated **that the FDA did not have any safety data** regarding 5G cell towers- a 24 hour continuous exposure AND a modulation that includes low, medium and high bands. We also cannot find any research reports by the FDA on 5G itself on the FDA website. You stated on January 11, 2022 when asked about the safety of a 5G tower in front of a home that: **"We have reviewed the questions that you listed below. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not regulate cell towers or cell tower radiation. Therefore, FDA has no studies or information on cell towers to provide in response to your questions."** Yet now in 2023 the FDA has now provided a Fox reporter 5G cell antenna safety data?

On March 29, 2022 Laurie Lenkel FDA Ombudsman stated that the "FDA is responsible for protecting the public health from hazardous or unnecessary radiation from radiation emitting electronic products." and "**The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has jurisdiction over all radiofrequency transmitting structures in the United States. Therefore, the 5G tower you inquired about is under the authority of the FCC, not the FDA.**"

Yet now the news is reporting that the FDA does in fact have safety data to share? Please send this please. Has the FDA now embarked on activities to research 5G cell towers and network antennas? When you respond please send the staff involved in such a research evaluation.

Question 2: Now that the FDA is offering safety determinations related to 5G cell antenna network radiation, please send the full research review that such an opinion is based on. Send documentation of the research reviewed. Please also send the systematic reviews and risk assessments that have been done by the FDA regarding 5G and radiofrequency radiation exposure to children from base station antennas. Further if the FDA now has jurisdiction regarding 5G cell tower networks, this is national news! We look forward to a full press conference on how the FDA is the agency now engaged in science activities related to the long term health effects of telecommunications networks. We scoured the FDA website but could not locate the press materials on this new role for the FDA.

Thank you in advance for sharing this information in a fully transparent manner.

If indeed the FDA believes such exposure to be safe, or has any "research to share" the parents and school district administrators surely should be provided FDA's new safety data. After all, numerous studies show harm from RF radiation, so it will be important for the parents whose children will be exposed to this radiation all day long and for years, a full and transparent documentation as to why and how the FDA has come to a different conclusion than hundreds of scientists and experts.

We also believe the FDA's new research activities and its new safety determination for 5G is a national news item. If the FDA did not intend to offer research showing safety for 5G , then the FDA should offer a full statement to

FOX news and to the parents and Wyandotte community that the FDA in fact, has made no safety determination and has not evaluated the health and safety risks of 5G.

Thank you so much,

Theodora Scarato

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[Read our latest published paper on children's vulnerability to wireless radiofrequency radiation and how FCC limits do not protect against long term health effects here.](#)

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