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Andrea,

Thank you for sharing your interviews. We are not finding anything remarkable from the completed questionnaires. Both children moved quite a few times, or lived at multiple residences during their lifetime, which would lead us to believe that it is unlikely that something in the environment is causing their cancer.

Because there are so few cases, further investigation may not be warranted, but you may want to indicate that you will continue to monitor cancer cases in the community over time.

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John,

I apologize for the delay in getting you these updated interview forms; however, I was waiting in September for the 3rd interview, but the lady kept putting me off. She simply said she was not interested in contributing to this process.

I am unsure how to respond to the parent and caregiver who did come in and complete the longer interview forms with me. I told them that the number of cases may not meet the threshold but that I would be in touch. Please feel free to guide our department to a proper follow-up with the parents if need be. They understand that this process takes time, but I have not spoken with them since September. Thank you for following up with me!

Andrea Barnes

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Andrea

I am forwarding this email from the OCISS Operations Supervisor as an update regarding the brain tumor case in Galion, Ohio, along with the rule change by national standard setters on categorizing the type of tumor.

If appropriate, any updates on this cancer concern would be appreciated.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** RE: Brain Tumor Cases in Galion City, Ohio

Good morning!

When the subject of a cancer concern came back up today, I did check CRSPlus to see if we have received the case for the peds brain cases that was brought up and the third child's case has been received.

██████████ Patient ID: 11761146. Primary site: BRAIN, PARIETAL LOBE, C71.3, 9421/1, tumor size not provided by pathology, but on imaging it was 8.2x4.6x5.9cm. Histology text: Pilocytic Astrocytoma, WHO Grade 1. Address at diagnosis provided was Galion, ZIP 44833, Crawford County.

My email below from 8/19/24 and a snip below would be applicable in this case—all three children had the same type of tumor histology, however the first two boys would be considered malignant /3 behavior and this third child would be considered a benign/borderline tumor behavior /1 as the rules have changed

If there is anything else you may need from me, please let me know!

Thanks!

Emily S.