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From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 10:44 AM
To: DEQFOIA
Subject: FOIA Request.

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I am requesting all e-mails between (to/from/cc/blind cc) Brad Wurfel (MDEQ) and Sara Wurfel (Press Secretary, Governors office) between July 1, 2015 and the present, that are related to Flint's drinking water.

Marc Edwards

Woosley, Rosemary (DEQ)** ADDITIONAL **

From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:49 PM
To: DEQFOIA
Subject: Simplified FOIA

Yesterday I put in a FOIA for emails between the Wurfel's (DEQ and Governors Office) on the Flint water issue. Just to simplify the request, and to make sure there is no misunderstanding, I will ask for all e-mails on which they are both on the cc, bcc, to, from, or forward.

Basically any e-mails between July 1 to present, with both of their names on them or in the bcc.

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Krisztian, George (DEQ)

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Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 8:36 AM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Cc: Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS)
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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 8:21 AM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ)
Subject: Three key messages

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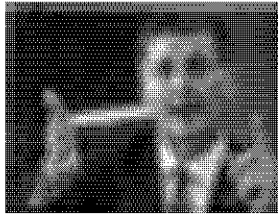
Sygo, Jim (DEQ)

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2015 10:49 PM
To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ)
Cc: Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Jarrod Agen; Clement, Elizabeth (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: det news

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/environment/2015/10/18/deq-mistakes/74198882/>

Michigan DEQ vows changes in Flint water crisis

Jim Lynch, The Detroit News 8:31 p.m. EDT October 19, 2015



(Photo: Dale G. Young / The Detroit News)

Michigan's top environmental official acknowledged the state made mistakes in its handling of Flint's long-running water crisis, and said changes would be made, including reassigning a top official responsible for the safety of drinking water.

Dan Wyant, director of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality, said late Sunday that staff members applied the wrong standards of the Lead and Copper Rule that governs testing and monitoring for drinking water. The result was that proper controls regarding corrosion were not put in place when the city began drawing its water from the Flint River in spring 2014.

"Our actions reflected inexperience, and our public response to criticism was the wrong tone early in this conversation," Wyant said. "But the best we can do with the situation going forward is represented in our present course. ... We will learn from this. We will make necessary changes to see to it that our program becomes a national leader in (lead) protection."

The changes will include the reassignment of Liane Shekter Smith, chief of DEQ's Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance. Gov. Rick Snyder will also introduce an independent, third-party review of the state's handling of Flint's water issues.

Wyant's announcement comes after months of rising concerns among Flint residents over the safety of their drinking water and lead contamination. It also comes after the recent release of inter-agency communications relating to Flint's situation that demonstrate confusion behind the scenes.

State officials seemingly failed to heed repeated warnings from the Environmental Protection Agency as far back as February about potential problems with Flint's water system.

Communications released this week between the federal agency and DEQ also show how an environmental law designed to protect the public allowed the government to utilize questionable water testing practices and move slowly in addressing problems, all while remaining "in compliance" with regulations.

Critics hold the state responsible for the current situation, since Snyder's appointed emergency manager was in charge when the decision was made to begin drawing water from the Flint River in 2014 to save money. State officials have said that move was a "city decision."

Problems began then, including residents saying tap water had strange coloring, smell and taste. In the last month, those concerns were dramatically heightened by studies that show lead levels in some children have risen since the switch from Detroit's water system. Those studies showed that, in some areas, lead levels in children's blood samples have doubled and, in two ZIP codes, tripled.

Many opportunities missed

Emails and letters released by the state this week show many missed opportunities for health and environmental agencies to identify the lead problems months ago.

In February, an EPA official assessing Flint's situation raised several concerns with DEQ, particularly with the way the state conducted testing to ensure water coming into city homes was safe to drink. Such testing is required by the federal Lead and Copper Rule.

"Particulate lead release is a normal part of the corrosion process and it is universal (common) in all systems," wrote Miguel Del Toral, regulations manager for EPA's Region 5, in a Feb. 27 email to two DEQ staffers.

"It's just that it's not captured as often by the infrequent (Lead and Copper Rule) sampling. If systems are pre-flushing the tap the night before collecting ... samples ... (MDEQ still provides these instructions to public water systems) this clears particulate lead out of the plumbing and biases the results low by eliminating the highest lead values. ...

"The particulate lead is being flushed away before collecting compliance samples which provides false assurance to resident about the true lead levels in the water."

Del Toral would repeat the same concerns in a widely publicized unofficial memo in April. But at each step along the way, city and officials responded to testing queries by saying their approach met federal guidelines. As recently as Sept. 3, Flint's Public Works Director Howard Croft supported the testing methods used.

"We have performed over one hundred and sixty lead tests throughout the city since switching over to the Flint River and remain with the EPA standards," he wrote. "It is also worth noting ... there are different lead testing methods used within the industry and the city remains consistent with the most recent EPA approved testing method which can produce different results than other methods."

Corrosion control lacking

At the same time Del Toral expressed concerns with Michigan's testing methods, EPA officials also identified another major potential problem with Flint's water system: corrosion control. Under the Lead and Copper Rule, Flint was required to provide "optimal corrosion control" — water additives that prevent lead from old plumbing and service lines from leaching into the drinking water.

Two February EPA emails to the DEQ released this week indicated the federal agency was perplexed by what appeared to be a lack of such controls in the Flint system. Responses from Michigan over the next several months indicate no such controls were in place. An April 24 email from one DEQ staffer stated bluntly: "Flint is currently not practicing any corrosion control treatment at the water plant."

On Sunday, Wyant said staffers applied standards of the Lead and Copper Rule that were designed for populations below 50,000. Flint has a population of roughly 100,000, which triggers a different set of criteria and includes performing two six-month testing programs of local water to determine proper corrosion controls.

"None of the DEQ staff in this division had ever worked on a water source switch for a community of over 50,000 people," he said. "It's increasingly clear there was confusion here, but it also is increasingly clear that DEQ staff believed they were using the proper federal protocol and they were not."

The emails released this week also raise questions about statements made by Wyant earlier this month at a news conference. When asked about what corrosion controls had been used since Flint began drawing its water from the river, Wyant indicated the system had been using lime.

Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards, whose research on Flint's water had directly challenged many of the state's assertions in recent months, said lime could actually increase the corrosivity of the water interacting with lead plumbing lines. Edwards made the original FOIA request and received the corresponding documents first. DEQ officials later released those documents to the media.

Earlier this week, Wyant addressed his statement about lime in a written response to questions.

"I was relaying what staff and consultants have indicated to me," he said. "Lime softening was used to address the hardness of the water. While this has an impact on pH, testing bore out that more needed to be done."

State, EPA officials disagree

State environmental officials and their EPA counterparts apparently disagreed over the corrosion control issue for much of this year. Once Del Toral's concerns were raised in February, a DEQ official explained why the state had not accounted for corrosion.

Documents released this week include notes from a July meeting between the parties where the state highlighted its reasoning: "MDEQ explained that they did not treat the switch to Flint River water as a 'new system,' but as a new source. It is their understanding that two rounds of six-month testing is still needed to characterize the water quality. They don't know what optimized is until those two rounds of six-month monitoring are completed."

Emails from this spring show MDEQ officials eventually recognized the need for additional corrosion control measures, yet little progress was made on the issue — right up until Friday's announcement that Flint had switched back to getting its water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

That type of pacing is completely permissible under the Lead and Copper Rule. Busch, of the DEQ, described the schedule laid out by the federal law.

"They now have to complete a study (within 18 months) and are then allowed a period of additional time (2 additional years) to install the selected treatment for fully optimized corrosion control," Busch wrote in July. "We are planning to suggest the city directly submit a treatment process to shorten the time-line to achieve full optimization. This letter is currently being drafted but won't be ready to mail out for another week."

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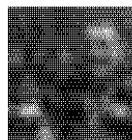

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Re: Third-Party review question

Send him our way, pls - we're going to say something like this for now "Pulling together this after action review team and plan is actively underway now. We'll have something to announce and discuss soon."

Sara Wurfel
 Press Secretary | Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 19, 2015, at 2:32 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Where we at with this announcement?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wisely, John" <jwisely@freepress.com>
Date: October 19, 2015 at 12:52:49 PM EDT
To: "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <WurfelB@michigan.gov>
Subject: Third-Party review question

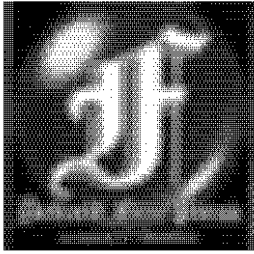
Brad:

The statement from Dan Wyant includes this:
 The Governor has called for an independent, third-party after-action review.

Questions:
 Who/what is the third party?
 Is it the legislature?
 A committee of experts to be appointed?
 Senate Minority leader (from Flint) wants legislative review. Is that something the state is prepared to assist with?
 Please let me know asap.

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 2:15 PM
To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Comment sought on Rep. Phelps Files Suit Against State of Michigan, City of Flint
Attachments: Phelps_Verified FOIA Complaint.pdf

Need to make sure I understand the full background and story on this.

From: Gary Ridley [<mailto:GRIDLEY@mlive.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Bitely, Andrea (AG) <BitelyA@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
Subject: Comment sought on Rep. Phelps Files Suit Against State of Michigan, City of Flint

Hi,
 I wanted to see if the state had any comment in response to this lawsuit.

Thanks.

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 Gary Ridley | The Flint Journal-MLive Media Group | 810-280-9516 | gridley@mlive.com

From: Rosemary Jones [<mailto:RJones@house.mi.gov>]
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 1:33 PM
To: Rosemary Jones
Subject: Rep. Phelps Files Suit Against State of Michigan, City of Flint

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 Monday, Oct. 12, 2015

Contact: Rep. Phil Phelps
 Phone: (517) 373-7515

Rep. Phelps Files Suit Against State of Michigan, City of Flint

State, city failed to release documents sought in FOIA request

LANSING — State Representative **Phil Phelps** (D-Flushing) announced earlier today that he is filing suit against the state of Michigan and the city of Flint to force them to release public documents he requested last month under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

"It's an absolute shame that I have to file suit to force our government to comply with the law," Phelps said. "I was shocked at their response, because prior to receiving the denials, officials from both the city and state had told me that not only did documents exist, but they would be happy to share them with me."

On Sept. 4 of this year, Phelps requested that the city and state turn over all documents and emails regarding the permit and application process that Flint's emergency manager was required to complete before the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality gave the go ahead to the city to start using the Flint River as its source of drinking water. Late last month, the state and the city both denied Phelps' request, saying that no such documents exist.

In March and April of 2014, officials from both the city and state were also quoted in several articles on Mlive.com, making comments about the permit application process for Flint to switch its source of drinking water from Detroit's system to the Flint River.

"I want to know what these officials knew about the safety and quality of the river water before the switch was made. Judging by their response and recent actions, it almost seems they knew a lot more than they are letting on to," Phelps said. "Flint residents deserve better than this, they deserve to know the truth about the decisions that were made, and if I have to fight this in court to get the truth, so be it."

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Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 7:17 PM
To: Biehl, Laura (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV); Heaton, Anna (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS); Minicuci, Angela (DHHS); Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Clement, Elizabeth (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Posthumus, Dick (GOV); Baird, Richard (GOV); Calley, Brian (GOV); Forstner, Nathaniel (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)
Subject: RE: URGENT review please -- Draft Flint water release

Looping in Harvey, Brad and Maggie here too ...

From: Biehl, Laura (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 6:46 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>; Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <AgenJ@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>; Heaton, Anna (GOV) <HeatonA@michigan.gov>; Kennedy, Jordan (GOV) <KennedyJ4@michigan.gov>; Brown, Jessica (GOV) <BrownJ53@michigan.gov>; Paciorek, Josh (GOV) <Paciorekj@michigan.gov>; Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS) <lasherg@michigan.gov>; Minicuci, Angela (DHHS) <MinicuciA@michigan.gov>; Eisner, Jennifer (DHHS) <EisnerJ@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>; Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ) <TommasuloK@michigan.gov>; Clement, Elizabeth (GOV) <clemente@michigan.gov>; Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <muchmored@michigan.gov>; Posthumus, Dick (GOV) <Posthumusd@michigan.gov>; Baird, Richard (GOV) <bairdr@michigan.gov>; Calley, Brian (GOV) <calleyb11@michigan.gov>; Forstner, Nathaniel (GOV) <forstnern1@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: URGENT review please -- Draft Flint water release

See new version attached. Small revisions made and placeholders added for Mayor and Mott Foundation Quotes.

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Team,

Please review this draft press release for the Thursday announcement in Flint. This incorporates some suggested edits to the strong draft from DEQ earlier today.

Thank you very much.

Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best protection for public health in Flint

State, Mott Foundation and city form partnership to fund switch

FLINT, Mich. – Flint families and children will be better protected by reconnecting with the Great Lakes Water Authority as the source of the city's drinking water, Gov. Rick Snyder said.

Snyder said Thursday that he will request the state Legislature to provide a portion of the \$12 million needed to reconnect with the authority, with the Flint city government providing \$2 million and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation donating \$4 million.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environmental Quality today also committed an additional \$3.5 million for water filters, free lead testing through the state laboratory for Flint water customers, and hiring additional staff to conduct health exposure monitoring for lead in drinking water.

Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection after a Wednesday meeting of Flint's Technical Advisory Committee. Flint's move to the Great Lakes Water Authority is expected to cost about \$1.3 million per month until the Karegnondi Water Authority is completed next summer.

"All Flint residents need clean, safe drinking water," Snyder said. "The technical experts helping the city on its water advisory all agree this move back to the Great Lakes Water Authority provides the best public health protection for children and families. This effort today is the result of people coming together to solve a problem. I appreciate Detroit's willingness to reconnect with Flint, the Mott Foundation's generous donation, and the dedication of all parties to come together to protect Flint families and children."

The move to Detroit water, which is drawn from Lake Huron, carries many public health benefits. As large bodies of water, the Great Lakes are naturally prone to fewer problems from large rain events and other runoff issues that can be present in shallower rivers. Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority has already fully optimized its corrosion control, using phosphates to help coat the insides of pipes and prevent lead from leaching into the water.

However, reconnecting with the authority will not completely resolve the city's problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control. Additionally, some households in the city could experience lead in their drinking water until all lead pipes and plumbing are replaced.

To best protect public health, Snyder said state and local authorities will continue to carry out steps outlined on Oct. 2 in a comprehensive action plan, including continued testing, the use of faucet filters and providing residents with accurate information about steps to eliminate lead in water.

Free filters are available for current MDHHS clients at the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office locations.

For residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs, free filters are available at the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.

At the Lippincott location only, extended hours will be offered this weekend, including until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Other good practices for residents concerned about lead include turning on the cold water tap and running the water until it's as cold as it will go. Additionally, only use cold water for cooking, drinking and especially mixing baby formula.

School test results released; more investigation planned

The state today also released the first results from its lead screening program in schools and homes. Of 37 total samples taken at 13 buildings, four samples spread over three buildings exceeded the federal action level of 15 parts per billion.

However, this sampling provides only an initial screen, and the state is committing to further testing water and inspecting plumbing at these schools. Until testing is complete, schools are advised to continue using bottled water and filtration as a precaution to protect children.

In addition, free testing is still available for any other Flint school, including daycares and Head Starts. Free testing is also available for any Flint resident.

Additional information, including more detailed lead screening results, is available at www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

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Subject: RE: two questions from Gov

Didn't you say something about past statute presumed that they had already switched from lead service lines?

What about a new school opening or changing hands? At beginning of each school year?

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Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 2:50 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Re: Follow-up questions

Please make sure you have Dan available too. Key.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2015, at 2:47 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Nancy,
 Trying to reach you. I've got our division chief for a bit. Is this a workable time?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2015, at 1:43 PM, Kaffer, Nancy <nkaffer@freepress.com> wrote:

Hey guys – still looking for info

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Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 2:49 PM
To: 'Wurfel, Sara (GOV)' <Wurfels@michigan.gov>; 'WurfelB@michigan.gov' <WurfelB@michigan.gov>
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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 10:51 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Cc: Charlie Brooks - CBS Evening News
Subject: Re: Introduction and DEQ Director Dan Wyant

Hello, Charlie. I'll call you tomorrow morning. Thanks!

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Subject: Re: CALL ME ASAP, please



Revised Guidance Manual for Selecting Lead and Copper Control Strategies

Available one EPA's site by typing this title into the search engine.

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Cc: Wisely, John
Subject: RE: Follow-up questions

Sorry, Nancy. I thought these were long covered with all follow up that was done afterward and on site with Robin.

Will touch base with DEQ team and be back in touch asap.

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Subject: Fwd: Follow-up questions

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To: "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
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To: Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Fwd: Embargoed media conf. call - Flint water action plan

Answer is yes - but what was total number of traditional and charter public schools again?

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To: "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" <Wurfels@michigan.gov>, "Murray, David (GOV)" <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>
Cc: "Lynch, James" <JLynch@detroitnews.com>
Subject: RE: Embargoed media conf. call - Flint water action plan

Sara or Dave,

Quick follow-up question: In reference to the plan to immediately test water coming out of the faucets of all schools in Flint Community Schools, will the water at Flint's public charter schools be tested as well? I don't have an exact count, but I'm guessing there are a half-dozen or more charter schools in Flint.

-Chad

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [<mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 9:48 AM
To: Lynch, James <JLynch@detroitnews.com>; Livengood, Chad <CLivengood@detroitnews.com>
Subject: Embargoed media conf. call - Flint water action plan
Importance: High

Hi there Jim and Chad –

Per earlier conversations, below is information for a media conference call with Gov. Snyder and Cabinet leaders – MI Dept of Environmental Quality Director Dan Wyant of the, MI Dept of Health & Human Services Director Nick Lyon of the, and Dr. Eden Wells, the state's Chief

Medical Executive – to outline a comprehensive action plan to further address Flint water concerns.

They will also be available to answer Qs.

As agreed by you and your team, this information is fully embargoed until when the 1:30 p.m. press conference later today in Flint begins.

SPECIFIC CALL-IN DETAILS:

Topic: Flint water action plan

Date: Friday, Oct. 2

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Conference Line call-in number: [REDACTED]

Conference line passcode: [REDACTED]

**** To ask a question during that portion of the call, please press "0." (but please refrain from pressing zero until opening remarks are completed to help ensure you don't miss any of the details).**

****NOTE**:** This invitation is for planning purposes only and meant for you and/or your outlet as there are a limited number of participant lines. Please let us know if you wish to have someone else participate so we can work to accommodate.

Please let us know if who from Detroit News plans to participate or if you need anything else at all in interim.

Thanks so much,
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Cc: Murray, David (GOV); Kennedy, Jordan (GOV); Brown, Jessica (GOV); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Subject: Media conference call re: Flint water action plan
Attachments: NR 151002 - Flint water action plan.docx; Infographic - Flint Water Action Plan 10-2-15.pdf; Infographic - Flint water tips 10-2-15.pdf; Flint water - talking points (draft 151001).docx

Importance: High

Hi all –

Per conversations today, here are the details for Friday's embargoed media conference call.

Given some of the changing information, we added in a quick pre-brief with the Governor from 11 to 11:10 a.m. to give us a chance to go over any last details and finalize flow. This will be followed by the actual media conf. call from 11:15 to 11:40 a.m. Know that folks will be needing to head to Flint immediately afterward.

Sounds like we'll have Dan, Nick and Dr. Wells in person. That's great and will work best when most everyone is in the same room. The location is Romney Building, 1st floor communications conference room. The governor will be joining us from phone.

We'll need to be fairly quick in overview and framing comments so we can get to as many Qs as possible.

Please let me know if anyone has any Qs, concerns or needs anything else at all. Or if you'd like a listen only line for anyone back in the depts. to catch the call.

Otherwise, see you in the Romney by 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Thanks so much!
 SW

p.s. Also attached key documents as stand right now – release, 2 infographics and the high level points.

Agenda:

11:15-11:16 AM	SW intro; sets parameters; introduces other participants; turns over to Governor for opening remarks
11:16-11:20 AM	Governor gives opening remarks; highlights reason for state action; introduces Director Wyant
11:20-11:24 AM	Director Wyant remarks; highlights key steps in the action plan; introduces Director Lyon
11:24-11:27 AM	Director Lyon remarks; highlights key health components of the plan and mentions Dr. Wells; turns back to Governor
11:27-11:37 AM	Governor opens it up for Q&A
11:37-11:39 AM	Governor closing remarks

11:39-11:40 AM SW wraps up call; reminds reporters of embargo, 1:30 p.m. press conference, and how to get a hold of everyone

Possible Topics:

Flint water action plan

Lead in Flint water

Handling of Flint water issue

Genesee Co. health emergency action

ACLU action

Hurley data

Reconnecting Flint to Detroit water

Media invited:

Flint area media (print, TV and radio) – Flint Journal/Ron Fonger; WJRT TV 12, WNEM TV 5, WEYI TV 25, WFNT Radio

Associated Press – Ed White

Detroit News – Jim Lynch

Detroit Free Press – Nancy Kaffer, Kristi Tanner & Kathy Gray

Michigan Radio – Steve Carmody

Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:00 PM
To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Lyon, Nick (DHHS); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)
Cc: Paciorek, Josh (GOV); Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Hollins, Harvey (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: FlintWater_ActionPlan_100115 - annotated - flattened.pdf
Attachments: FlintWater_ActionPlan_100115 - annotated - flattened.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Hi all - attached are the Gov's edits to the order of items in the action plan.

I know we had a robust discussion about these today and everyone felt pretty deliberative and flowed, but please review and let us know if anyone has any major heartburn. Otherwise, this is what will go with and change news release to match. TPs can probably stay in order originally for press conference to maintain flow of Dan, Nick, et al.

These have to be to printer by 7 am tomorrow am in order to get done in time for press conference.

Thx much,
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To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS)
Subject: RE: Hey

We got contacted as well.

What planning on saying is that this issue is one that we've been actively engaged on and our administration will be outlining a collaborative, comprehensive action plan tomorrow afternoon. We believe protecting public health is paramount and safe, clean, accessible drinking water is essential. That's what we are focused on helping ensure and working together across local, state and federal levels to bring all resources and ideas to bear.

Will add that the governor and state agencies have been closely working with Flint leaders on their infrastructure challenges, including providing \$4.2 million in grants and restructured loan financing to provide resources needed to locate and fix infrastructure problems and add the carbon filtration system, additional testing and helping identify and provide filters.

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
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To: Lynch, James <JLynch@detroitnews.com>
Cc: Lasher, GERALYN (DHHS) <lasergh@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: Hey

Jim:

"State officials will be in Flint tomorrow to announce a plan to address public concerns about drinking water quality in Flint. We recognize there is widespread confusion and concern in the city, and we look forward to presenting a plan for action and addressing questions."

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From: Lynch, James [<mailto:JLynch@detroitnews.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 3:19 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Hey

Looking for a comment out of your office regarding this call for the EPA to step in to the Flint situation.

For Immediate Release

Press Contact: Margie Kelly, mkelly@nrdc.org, 312-651-7935, Rana Elmir, ACLU of Michigan relmir@aclumich.org, 313-578-6816

GROUPS PETITION EPA FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO FLINT, MI DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATION

City and state agencies have failed to fix the public health crisis that imperils children's health

CHICAGO (October 1, 2015) – In response to the ongoing drinking water crisis in Flint, Michigan, a coalition of local citizens and national groups petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today to take emergency action to secure safe, lead-free water for the City's children and families.

Flint-based Coalition for Clean Water, the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, and the Natural Resources Defense Council joined the petition to trigger the EPA to launch a comprehensive federal response to the ongoing crisis. Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the EPA is empowered to stop "imminent and substantial endangerment to human health" such as the elevated lead levels in Flint's drinking water.

The petition urges that EPA immediately order the City and Michigan DEQ to reconnect Flint's water system with water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and to provide Flint residents with an alternative, free source of safe drinking water that meets EPA standards, among other requests.

"Neither the City of Flint nor the State of Michigan is doing enough to fix the problem of lead in our drinking water. As evidenced by the ongoing poisoning of the children of Flint, it's time for the EPA to take immediate action to provide us with a safe water source," said LeeAnne Walters, a concerned parent from Flint and member of the Water You Fighting For, one of the organizations petitioning the EPA. "The city and state need to test for lead and copper as intended by the federal lead and copper rule," Walters added.

Highly corrosive water in the Flint River, the source of the City's drinking water, has been flowing through lead service lines in Flint's water system for more than a year. A medical study has confirmed that the number of children living in Flint with health-threatening elevated blood lead levels has risen since the City switched its water source. One study of Flint children under age five found that the proportion of children living in Flint with elevated blood levels has *doubled* since the City changed its drinking water source. The statistics are worse for younger children; those under fifteen months old had lead levels elevated 2.5 times greater after the switch to Flint River water.

The City of Flint and the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have been made aware of tap water monitoring results showing shockingly high lead levels in homes served by the City's drinking water system for months, but neither has taken the action necessary to meaningfully address the problem. There also appear to be serious issues with how the City was testing for lead in a way that appears to downplay the extent of the problem.

"Americans rightly believe that the water coming out of their taps should be safe, not exquisitely toxic. For more than a year, lead-contaminated drinking water has been flowing through Flint's pipes, faucets, and fountains. If the City and State will not address the issue, the EPA should step in to protect kids' health immediately," said Henry Henderson, Midwest Director for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

"Flint city officials, state-appointed emergency managers and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have all failed monumentally in their duty to provide the people of Flint with clean, safe drinking water. Now that the truth is revealed, further action is imperative," said Kary L. Moss, ACLU of Michigan executive director. "The devastating revelations from independent researchers, as well as our own nearly year-long investigation, demand an immediate, effective and comprehensive response. The EPA, along with city officials, must exercise their full authority to guarantee that the people of Flint are protected from the hazardous water now flowing into their homes. The first step should be to overturn the emergency manager order and remove the Flint River as the city's source of water."

There is no safe level of lead exposure. The toxic effects of lead on virtually every system in the body, and particularly on the developing brains of young children, are well documented. It can also contribute to high blood pressure and other health problems in adults. Even low levels of lead in the blood have been shown to affect IQ, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement, effects that are irreversible.

Until Flint restores a safe drinking water source that meets EPA standards, residents are advised to take the following steps:

- ? Flush faucets by running water for a minimum of five (5) minutes prior to consumption;
- ? Use only cold water from taps for drinking and cooking, as warm or hot water is more likely to contain higher levels of lead;
- ? Install and use water filters that are certified to remove lead by NSF International (labeled as meeting "NSF Standard 53" for lead removal), and regularly change the filter cartridges; and
- ? Use only filtered or bottled water to prepare baby formula and food. Children, pregnant or nursing women should also use filtered or bottled water for drinking and cooking.

In addition, residents should consider taking the following additional steps where possible:

- ? Remove and clean individual faucet aerators, as lead particles and sediment can collect in the aerator screen located at the faucets;
- ? Contact a licensed plumber to replace any household plumbing that may contain lead; and
- ? Flush cold water taps after installing any new household pipes or fixtures.

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 2:07 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Subject: Re: Genesee Co Board of Commissioners press conference

We need to get the media advisory on the wire asap. My phone is blowing up here. Please advise.

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 1:49 PM, Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov> wrote:

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Genesee county board sets press conference discussing Flint's water crisis

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/10/genesee_county_board_to_hold_p.html

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From: Alexandra Billings <allibill@umich.edu>
Date: October 1, 2015 at 9:49:07 AM EDT
To: <WurfelB@michigan.gov>
Subject: Michigan Radio/NPR interview: Thurs 10/1 @ 11:35 AM

Hi Brad,

Alli here with Michigan Radio - I help with booking for Stateside with Cynthia Canty. On today's show, we're speaking with Virginia Tech's Marc Edwards about Flint's water problems.

I would like to see if someone from the DEQ (Mike Prysby or Dan Wyant) would be interested in joining the conversation.

The interview is at 11:35 am so I would need to know as soon as possible.

Two main things we would like to discuss: how the city conducted testing for lead and why DEQ did not require Flint to put corrosion control in place at the time of the switch.

The interview would be pre-recorded, not live, and would take about 10-15 minutes. A land line is preferred.

When you have a moment, please let me know.

Thanks!

Alexandra Billings
 Broadcast Producer



Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 1:20 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV); Lasher, Geralyn (DCH); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Letter to Governor Snyder: Flint Water
Attachments: 09.28.2015-Letter-Ananich-Snyder-Water-Requests.pdf

Looping you in too ...

Need a follow-up call on this issue to chat and make sure we're all on same page asap.

From: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 12:05 PM
To: McBride, Bill (GOV) <mcbrideb@michigan.gov>; Hollins, Harvey (GOV) <hollinsh@michigan.gov>; Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <AgenJ@michigan.gov>; Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>; Lyon, Nick (DCH) <LyonN2@michigan.gov>; Wyant, Dan (DEQ) <WyantD@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter to Governor Snyder: Flint Water

Just came in

From: Andrew Leavitt [<mailto:ALEavitt@senate.michigan.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 11:45 AM
To: Muchmore, Dennis (GOV) <muchmored@michigan.gov>
Subject: Letter to Governor Snyder: Flint Water

Hi Dennis,

Senator Ananich began drafting the attached letter on Sunday and thought it would be helpful to guide our 12pm call.

Thanks,

Andy

Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 8:54 AM
To: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Minicuci, Angela (DCH); Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)
Subject: Fwd: PRESS BRIEFING: Health Information for Residents on Water

FYI

Dave - please followup and see if we can get more on content, unless someone knows already.

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From: Jason Lorenz <jlorenz@cityofflint.com>
Date: September 25, 2015 at 8:15:46 AM EDT
To: Jason Lorenz <jlorenz@cityofflint.com>
Subject: Re: PRESS BRIEFING: Health Information for Residents on Water

UPDATE: Flint Mayor Dayne Walling will also be in attendance for today's briefing.

-Jason Lorenz
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On Thu, Sep 24, 2015 at 5:18 PM, Jason Lorenz <jlorenz@cityofflint.com> wrote:
PRESS BRIEFING: Health Information for Residents on Water will be shared with the press.

WHEN: Friday, September 25, 2015 at 10:00am

WHERE: Mayor's Office Conference Room

Details: City Administrator Natasha L. Henderson and Department of Public Works Director Howard Croft will be joined by officials from the Genesee County Health Department to share important health information for Flint residents on water.

-Jason Lorenz
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Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 7:24 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

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From: "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <WurfelB@michigan.gov>
Date: September 21, 2015 at 4:54:25 PM EDT
To: "Murray, David (GOV)" <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

Let's see if Eric concurs...

From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 4:53 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Re: STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

Well done!

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On Sep 21, 2015, at 4:51 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Heads up. Flint journal asked for comment on Kildee statement.

b

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 4:48 PM
To: 'Ronald Fonger'
Subject: RE: STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

"The state much appreciated the opportunity to explain its role in regulating drinking water systems – in particular, the fact that the water supply presently meets all state and federal water quality standards but that homes with lead service connections and lead plumbing are and always have been imparting some part-per-billion of lead, which is a concern.

"We were pleased to conclude the meeting with the shared commitment to bring a local, state and federal partnership to address this issue through the City's technical advisory team. Given issues like the proposed federal grant forgiveness or the call for system-wide replacement of home lead connections to address the long-term issue, the leadership of our congressional delegation will be of critical importance."

b

Brad Wurfel
 Communications Director
 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
 517-284-6713
 517-230-8006 cell

From: Ronald Fonger [<mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 3:13 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: FW: STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

Brad: Do you want to comment?

I just got this and have to file something by 5-530.

Thanks,

Ron Fonger
 MLive Media Group
 Reporter

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From: Rivard, Mitchell [<mailto:Mitchell.Rivard@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 3:02 PM
To: Rivard, Mitchell
Subject: STATEMENT: Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, September 21, 2015

Contact: Mitchell Rivard, 202-595-4885, mitchell.rivard@mail.house.gov

Congressman Dan Kildee Calls For Additional "Independent and Scientific" Testing to Ensure Safety of Flint's Water

FLINT – Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05) today, as part of his continued efforts to get answers regarding recent lead levels recorded in the city of Flint's water system, met with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Lansing.

The meeting followed a letter sent last week by Congressman Kildee posing various questions about recent lead levels in the water. In response to Congressman Kildee's letter, the DEQ and EPA invited Congressman Kildee and other local, state and federal elected officials to attend today's briefing in Lansing.

After the meeting today, Congressman Kildee issued the following statement:

"After meeting with the EPA and DEQ, it is clear to me that immediate independent and scientific testing is necessary to determine the safety of Flint's water. So far, the city, DEQ and EPA have not adequately answered my questions on their testing methods to ensure the safety of Flint's water.

"So far, I have been given no reason to have confidence in the current testing results. For example, it is unclear if homes sampled also took part in previous tests, which could have shown trends in water quality.

"I call on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the city of Flint, to work together to conduct additional independent and scientific testing of Flint's water. Additional testing must be expanded from its current scope to include more homes. It must also factor in the most at-risk homes in Flint.

"Flint residents deserve absolute transparency when it comes to the quality of their water. Additionally the city, DEQ and EPA must work together to ensure the

immediate safety of Flint's drinking water, including any temporary relief until a long-term solution can be completed."

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Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 1:03 AM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: EPA's response to Rep. Kildee re: Flint water
Attachments: ATT00001.htm

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From: "Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)" <PalloneM@michigan.gov>
Date: September 15, 2015 at 7:25:03 PM EDT
To: "Wyant, Dan (DEQ)" <WyantD@michigan.gov>, "Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)" <THELENM2@michigan.gov>, "Howes, Sarah (DEQ)" <HowesS1@michigan.gov>, "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <WurfelB@michigan.gov>, "Busch, Stephen (DEQ)" <BUSCHS@michigan.gov>, "Benzie, Richard (DEQ)" <BENZIER@michigan.gov>, "Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)" <SHEKTERL@michigan.gov>, "Sygo, Jim (DEQ)" <SygoJ@michigan.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA's response to Rep. Kildee re: Flint water

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From: "Fortin, Denise" <Fortin.Denise@epa.gov>
Date: September 15, 2015 at 6:28:38 PM EDT
To: "Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)" <PalloneM@michigan.gov>
Cc: "Beckmann, Ronna Erin" <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>, "Deamer, Eileen" <deamer.eileen@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA's response to Rep. Kildee re: Flint water

Here you go, Maggie. I'll be sending this letter to Jordan Dickinson shortly.

Please keep me posted on the location for Monday's meeting.

Thanks,
 Denise

Denise Fortin
 Congressional Liaison
 Office of Regional Administrator
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 312-886-9859

Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 3:31 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Re: Reporter seeking a response to Virginia Tech's Flint Water Study findings

Tried to get you multiple times today. No answer. Back at desk. Call.

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On Sep 10, 2015, at 3:12 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Need a phone call to discuss this with either of you.

Thanks.

b

From: Curt Guyette [<mailto:cguyette@aclumich.org>]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 2:41 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Reporter seeking a response to Virginia Tech's Flint Water Study findings
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Wurfel,

After testing more than 250 homes in Flint, researchers at Virginia Tech have continued to find dangerously high levels of lead in many of the homes being sampled.

They are unequivocal in their findings, stating that: "Flint has a very serious lead in water problem."

These results run contrary to the city and MDEQ's assertions that the city of Flint is in compliance with U.S. EPA Lead and Copper Rule compliance standards. In fact, based on Virginia Tech's results – which are much more extensive, having tested nearly four times as many homes as the city tested during the first half of 2015, and the VT researchers have not specifically target high-risk homes, as the city is required to do for the LCR monitoring – the city is actually well out of compliance.

I was hoping you would be able to provide the MDEQ's position regarding VT researchers' purported findings, and the contradictory conclusions..

Virginia Tech's methodology and results have been posted on a web site dedicated to the project (flintwaterstudy.org/), so it is clear from their end how they have approached this project, and exactly what they've done, and what they've found.

It would be very helpful to have the MDEQ's views on all this for my upcoming story.

I am working on a deadline and would very much appreciate a response by the end of the day tomorrow, Sept. 11.

I appreciate any help you can provide in my reporting on this very important public health issue.

Sincerely,

Curt