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It is my understanding that this is a water system technical advisory team. Is that correct?

And the larger group has been formed, because the state of Michigan has been breaking Federal law since April 2014, triggering a massive lead in water problem in Flint that they are covering up to the present day. The cover-up includes the repeated claim (not once retracted) that Flint has always met the provisions of the lead and copper rule, their use of methods of testing for lead that do not find lead in water problems, and throwing out samples with high lead to skew results.

As far as I know, no federal laws were broken relative to lead paint and lead from demolitions, and Flint's existing programs were having success in address those issues until the switch. So as an outsider, I too, am completely perplexed at the amount of time spent on those issues.

I am also perplexed at all the discussion on how to re-build trust with the community, when some of the state agencies involved are still not worthy of the public's trust, as evidenced by word and deed.

Marc

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We are not trying to deflect the issue. Is the goal to reduce blood lead levels in the population or to ride the Flint water mistake to a virtual end?

From: Pete Levine [<mailto:plevine@gcms.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 9:49 AM

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I also think it is important for folks to stop trying to deflect this crisis into a general lead abatement discussion.



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On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 6:57 PM, Howard Croft <hcroft@cityofflint.com> wrote:

Andy,

We just recently converted to the new method with no flushing, the vast majority were done with the old procedure. Our original expectation focused on the thought of a new standard being put in place statewide for uniformity but eventually, through conversations with Darren Lytle we made the decision to convert in advance of any potential statewide changes.

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 6:40 PM, Andy Leavitt <aleavitt@senatedems.org> wrote:

Howard,

For clarity, of those hundreds of samples how many are with the flawed sampling method and how many are done with the appropriate sampling method?

Thanks,

Andy

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 6:36 PM Howard Croft <hcroft@cityofflint.com> wrote:

Marc,

I believe that we agree with that message, we are planing to pursue all of the people who were sampled under the previous protocol and request that they submit to another round of testing with the new procedures. We have generated hundreds of samples this year and we intend to aggressively reach out to everyone for retesting. We are building a campaign that will continue to caution people about taking safe measures for drinking water but also produces neighborhood sampling pools that test several times throughout the course of the year in addition to tier 1 pools.

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 5:14 PM, Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu> wrote:

No one should be told that if their water tested safe using the old MDEQ protocol, that it is ok to drink. I thought we learned that lesson already. The old sampling protocol is flawed.

Best Regards,

Marc

From: Howard Croft [mailto:hcroft@cityofflint.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:56 PM

To: Andy Leavitt

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Andy,

We changed the instructions late last week that called for flushing, all bottles are now going out with the new protocol attached. We are concerned that some people are still not removing filters from the tap so we are trying to focus on that aspect of communication as well.

On Tue, Nov 10, 2015 at 1:59 PM, Andy Leavitt <aleavitt@senatedems.org> wrote:

Hi Howard,

Can you confirm when Flint will move away from the testing mode that includes flushing?

Thanks,

Andy

On Mon, Nov 9, 2015 at 6:20 PM Wright, Michael <Wright.Michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Howard:

Thanks for arranging the meeting today. I didn't catch all of what Natasha (and others) said on the line but I was intrigued when I heard her mention a fact sheet or some information on Lead that was taken from a city in MA. Can you/she forward that URL for our review and consideration?

During the last call, I also noted my concern regarding boil advisories during a lead emergency and wanted to provide a link that documented what I said about Lead (and nitrates for that matter) being concentrated upon heating.

http://water.epa.gov/drink/guide/upload/book_waterontap_full.pdf

Lastly, I couldn't hear who made the comment, but I agree that infants are likely the most vulnerable of concern. So, I was wondering if the clinicians/health practitioners in the room might consider partnering or spearheading an outreach effort to target expectant mothers with the Filters that are being provided. Not sure if this is best done via prenatal clinics, delivery hospitals, OB-GYN departments, or lactation management

specialists, etc. The public health practitioners might also be able to use this emergency as another reason to advocate breastfeeding (vs infant formula).

Thanks,
Mike

From: Howard Croft [mailto:hcroft@cityofflint.com]

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All,

Enclosed please find the weekly update along with the agenda for next weeks Technical Advisory Committee meeting. The time and location remain at City Hall on the 3rd floor at 2:00 pm. There is a conference call in number available and we have modified the speaker system to accommodate all those who call in. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Thank you,

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