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Subject: Flint water follow-up

Mr. Wurfel,

I'm following up on last week's story about information contained in an internal EPA memo about lead in Flint's drinking water.

Two things:

1. Miguel Del Toral of the EPA's Region 5 says that Flint is required to be putting corrosion control treatment in the drinking water there, and that it isn't doing so.

What is the DEQ's position?

2. Both Mr. Del Toral and Marc Edwards, a Virginia Tech professor and one of the nation's leading experts on water pipe corrosion, say that the method Flint is using to test for lead in water is almost certain to minimize the results and miss worst-case scenarios. Del Toral says Flint is using a "loophole" in the law. Edwards says the methodology should be banned.

What is DEQ's response to that?

FYI, I tried repeatedly to get a response to these questions prior to publishing this story last week, but after making initial contact, received no response.

Thank you for your help.

Curt Guyette