
From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 12:04 PM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Cook, Pat (DEQ)
Subject: FW: question about optimal WQP ranges for Flint's water
Attachments: DWSD Water Quality Parameters.pdf

I would appreciate some assistance in responding to this request. I only have the attached letter Kris provided regarding DWSD WQP plant tap ranges. We wouldn't establish ranges for the Flint WTP until after optimized CCT has been installed.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 7:22 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Re: question about optimal WQP ranges for Flint's water

Dear Mr. Busch,

Thank you for your quick response. I appreciate the information at, I am sure, a very busy time for you and MDEQ.

Could you please help me understand the following?

When you say that all previous optimal water quality parameter ranges would have been established for the Detroit water utility (not for the City of Flint), do you mean that MDEQ never set optimal water quality parameter ranges *specifically* for Flint before Flint's switch to Flint River water?

It is my impression, please correct me if I'm wrong, that under the LCR, all large systems -- whether they are consecutive or not -- must have optimal water quality parameter ranges designated by states *specifically for them* (at the time when these systems are deemed to have optimized their treatment). Is there language in the LCR I am missing that allows a utility not to have optimal quality parameter ranges established specifically for it?

My second question is this: If the City of Flint had no optimal water quality parameter ranges established specifically for it in the past, how did it achieve LCR compliance? Isn't it the case that utility-specific optimal water quality parameter ranges (and maintenance of these ranges) are required for all large systems to avoid an LCR violation?

I would appreciate your assistance on this matter, as it will shed light on an issue that seems to be very important for EPA's assessment of and upcoming revisions to the LCR.

Kindly,

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Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 11:05 AM
Subject: RE: question about optimal WQP ranges for Flint's water

Dr. Lambrinidou,

All previous water quality parameter ranges would have been established for the City of Flint's wholesale finished water supplier, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, not the City of Flint itself.

As the City of Flint has not yet established optimized corrosion control treatment, the MDEQ is not yet at the point of regulatory requirements where the range of water quality parameters would be set.

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From: Yanna Lambrinidou [<mailto:pnaalternatives@yahoo.com>]
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Subject: question about optimal WQP ranges for Flint's water

Good morning Mr. Wurfel and Mr. Busch,

As a member of the EPA National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) workgroup that just completed its recommendations to EPA about the agency's upcoming revisions to the LCR, I am watching with great interest and concern the developments in Flint in relation to lead. I am looking for information on the optimal water quality parameter (WQP) ranges that MDEQ has set for Flint's water. Are those posted online? If so, could you send me the link? If not, could you let me know what they are?

Thank you kindly,

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