
From: Holton, Jennifer (MDARD)
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:45 PM
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On Sep 22, 2015, at 9:16 PM, "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Gongwer: one day late and publishing press releases. What do we pay for this again???

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On Sep 22, 2015, at 9:14 PM, Holton, Jennifer (MDARD) <holtonj@michigan.gov> wrote:

After meeting with state and federal environmental officials Monday, U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee said he is not confident that enough is being done to ensure Flint's water supply is safe and called for independent testing.

The city has been hit by a number of complaints in recent months, including tests showing unsafe levels of some chemicals as well as discoloration.

Mr. Kildee (D-Flint) said officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Quality and the city told him the water is being tested, but he said in a statement he was not convinced the testing was correct or sufficient.

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

Mr. Kildee called for independent testing of the city's water that would include more homes.

"Flint residents deserve absolute transparency when it comes to the quality of their water," he said. "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."

The Coalition for Clean Water echoed Mr. Kildee's call for additional testing and for providing residents with other sources of water until the system can be tested and repaired.

The group said its own testing showed corrosion problems in the city's water system.

"The Coalition demands the water source be switched back to Detroit water immediately as it is many times less corrosive than Flint River Water," the group said in a statement. "Even with the belated addition of corrosion control, extensive damage has been done to the pipeline infrastructure, and switching to Detroit water would be the best preparation for the eventual transition to KWA pipeline water while providing the best prospects of controlling lead and iron corrosion."

RIVER RAISIN: The DEQ announced Tuesday that the EPA had removed beneficial use impairment designations related to fish and wildlife populations and habitat from the River Raisin.

"Restoration of these beneficial uses means the fish and wildlife habitat in the River Raisin has vastly improved and can support healthy populations," DEQ officials said in a statement.

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