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On Sep 28, 2015, at 10:01 PM, "Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)" <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Nah, it's fine and I always appreciate a heads up. But they'll probably end up in one of Marc Edwards' FOIA trolls.

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As the city of Flint continues to see problems with the safety of its water, and specifically with increased levels of lead in children, Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich is calling on Governor Rick Snyder and the state to assist.

"My constituents and I believe the state must act urgently to provide concrete solutions to the public health crisis in the city of Flint. In speaking with Governor Snyder and his key aides today, I stressed the need to work together on a number of initiatives that will ensure safe water for Flint residents," he said in a statement.

Mr. Ananich (D-Flint) continued, "My formal request included immediate and long-term solutions, including strong consideration for switching back to the Detroit water source until the Karegnondi Pipeline Authority project is complete. Anything less than an aggressive, comprehensive approach is simply unacceptable."

Mr. Ananich sounded the alarm last week when health professionals from area medical centers gave a presentation suggested that the water is having a direct impact on Flint's residents (See Gongwer Michigan Report, September 24, 2015). Flint began drawing water out of the Flint River as a cost-saving measure while under a state-appointed emergency manager. The city had previously drawn water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

The Karegnondi pipeline will eventually draw water from Lake Huron.

Mr. Ananich has set up a website where residents can go to get more information if they are concerned that they or their children have been exposed to lead from the water.

Snyder deputy press secretary Dave Murray said the governor has been and will continue to work with Mr. Ananich on the situation. He said the two spoke this morning about how the state can continue working with Flint city leaders, but the governor is still reviewing Mr. Ananich's suggestions.

"We deeply share the senator's commitment to making sure all state residents have access to clean and safe water. The governor and state agencies have been closely working with Flint leaders on their infrastructure challenges for months, including about 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," Mr. Murray said.

"It's important that people have accurate information about their health and water. The Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services are testing water and working with Flint residents on issues related to what they can do if they have concerns about the pipes in their homes," he said.

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