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Hi Hal, Could you please approve the content of the meeting meetings below? I still need to do a thorough proof but would love to get these out today yet or over the weekend. Please advise. Thank you.

Dear DEQ Staff,

Below is the information from the July 1, 2013, senior management team (SMT) meeting. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact your division/office management directly.

AGENDA and NOTES
DEQ Senior Management Team Meeting
July 1, 2013

The meeting was chaired by Hal Fitch.

Director's Report

Director Dan Wyant met with the U.S. EPA Region 5 on June 26 regarding the State of Michigan's Wetlands Program and the new Act that was passed. A meeting was also held with the U.S. EPA Region 5 Administrator Susan Hedman and the Region 5 State Directors on June 27 to discuss a variety of policy issues. Director also spoke at the Air and Waste Management Conference held in Chicago.

The Director has also been involved recently on several challenging issues relating to Fracking, I-75 Foundry Sand with MDOT, Enbridge, and PetCoke. Staff is doing a great job with these case issues.

Staff will hear more in the coming weeks regarding Reinventing Performance Michigan (RPM), Permit Times, Customer Service, Engagement, Telling Our Story, and Site Visits. Additional discussion followed on permit times compared to other states, process improvement on tangible outcomes, and return on investments. Additional discussion will be held on July 28 regarding process improvements.

Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Jim Sygo provided Kudos to the Water Resources Division staff on their great work with the contract dispute relating to the II-75 Foundry Sand issues with the Michigan Department of Transportation. He also updated the SMT on his meeting with the U.S. EPA Region 5 states meeting that he attended with the Director. Issues of discussion at this meeting included wetlands, corrective action, permitting numbers compared to other states, enforcement cases, President's Climate Change Action Plan, other states' budget, E-Enterprise, and environmental justice..

Jim Sygo also discussed updates on Dimond Chrome, Ozone Transport Commission, and Lansing's Board of Water and Light's gas generation.

Legislative

Maggie Datema reported the legislature is out until the week of August 26th, although some committees may still meet during that time.

The Governor signed HBs 4665, 4666 and 4708, to extend the solid waste fee an additional 2 years, and to restructure and extend the hazardous waste fee for one year.

Awaiting the Governor's signature is SB 264, allowing for the open water disposal of uncontaminated dredge materials, and SB 163, wetland protection reforms.

Policy Updates

Jim Goodheart spoke about three topics. First he thanked those divisions who assigned staff to attend the June Placemaking Training classes. He also attended all of the sessions and reported on his observations, including a recommendation the trainers consider adding more on low impact development, use of pervious pavement, and the promotion of more green infrastructure in future training modules. Secondly, he spoke about the ICC Rural Development Workgroup and that USDA Rural Development mentioned a community assistance fund they have that could be used for local harbor dredging projects. More evaluation and discussion will occur with them on this. Lastly, he mentioned the EPA sponsored Hard Rock Mining session scheduled for August 20-21 between MI, WI, MN, EPA, stakeholders, Tribes and industry. The Eagle mine's soon to be new owners, Lundin Mining Company from Toronto, have also been invited.

Dave Fiedler reported updates on DEQ Forms and Templates.

Forms that are easy to fill out, easily accessible, and accomplish a goal are good customer service for both public, regulated community and DEQ staff. Our Forms Team reviewed over 800 internal and external forms and templates. About 480 of them are considered active the rest being obsolete or need updating. All of the original files of these documents are being stored on the DEQ Intranet SharePoint which should eliminate losing files that occurred when they were kept on network drives. All DEQ staff have access to internal forms through the Intranet, and DEQ staff and the public can access the external forms on the Internet. We have refurbished the DEQ Public Forms Database.

The Director recently signed a new policy titled "Design and Management of Forms and Templates." The policy contains some specifications that all of our forms should meet and it explains how the Form Team saves them on SharePoint. The Forms Liaisons in each division and office will be providing assistance to staff and ensuring the policy is being complied with. I plan on sending out email to all staff letting them know about the new policy today. We created a FAQ document located on the Intranet.

We have completed our first phase of the project which was organizing the forms. The second phase will make the forms more user friendly. A new version of the Adobe Reader will allow us to create fillable PDF forms that the user will now be able to save. We did not make PDF fillable forms in the past because they were not savable.

Information Technology

Proposed DTMB Policy on Use of Personal Smart Phones and iPads for State Business:

Mike Beaulac reported the results of a survey of DEQ's divisions and offices about their interest in adopting the proposed DTMB policy the use of personal devices showed one "neutral," three "yes" and six "no" votes. By popular vote, the DEQ will not participate in the proposed option to use personal communications devices in lieu of state issued options.

Windows 7 Migration and Application Testing:

Mike Beaulac reported the DEQ must determine how to best participate in the testing of 111 applications for the impending migration to Windows 7. Testing is to be performed to determine the

potential impact of this migration on these applications – with the expectation that some may fail and need replacement/enhancements.

Budget Update

Sharon Maher was acting for Jim Kasprzak and Amy Epkey. She reminded the SMT to review the draft procedure on the proposed FOIA credit card payment process sent on June 27.

Division/Office Chief Reports:

Air Quality Division

Vince Hellwig reported that AQD issued a revised Permit to Install to Rio Tinto for the Eagle Mine in the UP on Friday, June 28.

Human Resources Division

Tami gave an update for Lynelle Marolf in her absence regarding the disbanding of the QOL TAT team. The QOL TAT core team members will continue to meet quarterly with the DNR TAT team to share information regarding training initiatives. However, the QOL TAT no longer will exist.

HR is no longer requiring the memo when establishing or reclassifying positions to the specialist classification. In the past, HR has required both the answers to the specialist questions and a supporting memo to be sent to Civil Service. Beginning immediately, the memo for the specialist will no longer be required.

HR has moved to their permanent space. They are located on 5S, on the very west side of the building.

Water Resources Division

The Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Council has completed its work on the legislatively assigned duties and will be submitting its final report to the Governor this month.

The Water Resources Division has been meeting monthly with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department regarding operation of the Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The most recent meeting was on June 27, 2013, at the Detroit WWTP, with a tour of the WWTP after the meeting. Overall, operations seem better but there are still problems controlling solids at the WWTP.

Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance

On Friday, June 28th, Steve Busch and Liane Shekter Smith attended the Karegnondi Water Authority groundbreaking ceremony at the site where the new water intake will be built near Port Huron. The ceremony was well attended. Key stakeholders - local officials, DEQ, and MDARD spoke at the event.

Over the weekend, ODWMA staff moved from 3S to their temporary swing space. If you're looking for the Revolving Loan program or the Operator Certification and Training program, you will find them now on 2N.

Office of Environmental Assistance

Bureaucracy Buster Responses - Bryce Feighner shared that departments were requested to provide responses to certain Bureaucracy Buster ideas submitted to the Lt. Governor's Bureaucracy Buster Web site (<https://michigangov.ideascale.com/>). Specifically, eight ideas were forwarded to the DEQ for response. Those eight ideas and the DEQ responses are now on our DEQ SharePoint site under "Strategic Planning & Good Government". They are also on the Bureaucracy Buster Web site under "Continuous Improvement".

Office of the Great Lakes

Brian Sweeney reported yesterday was the first meeting of the Water Strategy Cabinet. Approximately 20 experts from diverse water backgrounds will help steer the Water Strategy, led by the DEQ. Jon attended a review panel at the UM Water Center on 27 June and spoke at the Michigan Water Environment Conference in Boyne Falls on 24 June. OGL's Coastal Zone Management Program achieved a milestone goal last Friday, closing a deal to protect forever a large swath of the Bete Grise wetlands on the shores of Lake Superior. Kudos to Matt Warner and Ronda Wuycheck for their hard work.

Office of Oil, Gas and Minerals

Hal Fitch reported that a public meeting training session for OOGM staff on last Friday went very well. Brad Wurfel did an excellent job in organizing and leading the training.

We have received a letter from Rio Tinto Nickel describing the purchase of the Eagle Mine operation. The transaction is a stock purchase by Lundin and not an asset purchase.

Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection

Mary Carnagie has been working with the University of Michigan on accessing translators that may be needed for various materials that the Hazardous Waste Program generates for public outreach as part of our work plan commitment to the U.S. EPA relative to environmental justice (EJ) concerns. Some examples for 'translation' for EJ are: public notices, survey forms (used at public hearing), responsiveness summaries, webinars (hearings/training/compliance assistance), inspection forms/brochures (such as the Rights and Responsibilities), warning signs at clean-up sites (e.g. fish advisories, permanent markers), etc. Contact Mary at carnagiem@michigan.gov if you think that you have need of such services.

District Coordinators

Fred Sellers, Kalamazoo Office District Coordinator reported that since the last SMT meeting the Director was able to spend two days in the Kalamazoo District, the first touring sites as a guest of Representative Aric Nesbitt, the second meeting with Enbridge and touring the Kalamazoo River.

On Monday June 24, 2013, at approximately 3:15 a chemical process caused a fire at Drug and Laboratory Disposal Inc. Several local fire departments and Haz Mat teams were on the scene. The fire was initially thought to be extinguished by approximately 6:30 but later it reignited. There were numerous small explosions. Fortunately some of the firefighters were still on scene and by 2 am the fire was again under control. Staff from DEQ, DNR and EPA were on site at various times. OWMRP continues to work on this case.

Kalamazoo had its Employee Appreciation Day Thursday of last week.

Employee Empowerment\Public Service\Appreciative Inquiry sessions have been scheduled for July 24 and 25. Would there be any funds available to go towards a very simple lunch for staff as part of "training"?

Phil Roycraft, Cadillac/Gaylord District reported that Customer service workshops for staff will be held on July 17 in Cadillac and July 18 in Gaylord. Jim Sygo and Liz Browne are planning to participate. Eight sites have been chosen for the Director's visit to Northern Michigan later in the month on July 25 and 26. Briefings and an itinerary for this tour will be finalized soon.

Other Items

We talked a little about the President's Climate Action Plan and the likelihood of additional federal activity regarding climate change. Here is some background material:

On March 1, 2009, the Michigan Climate Action Council completed the Climate Action Plan for the State of Michigan. The plan included 54 policy recommendations. Here's the link to the plan <http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-50990---,00.html> I recall there was some discussion regarding implementation, however Lynn Fiedler wasn't involved in any of the follow-up. Lynn has kept the background documentation for the Technical Working Groups and the MCAC meetings.

The DEQ Web site also includes our other activities such as Michigan's membership in the Climate Registry, the Michigan/Wisconsin Climate Change agreement, etc.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2013. Kim Fish is the Chair. Information Technology will be the main theme of this meeting.

Thank you.

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Good afternoon,

The Communications Outreach Team had its November meeting this week on Thursday (11/12). It had been several months since the previous meeting. Attached are the notes with the division-level content, etc., including what I offered from ODWMA.

The next meeting is 12/10. Let me know if you have questions/requests for the Communications Outreach Team as well as if/when you have updates on what is currently making news (other than Flint drinking water) or has the potential to make news for me to share.

Thanks,
Jonathan

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Thank you all for your participation last Thursday. The after-meeting summary is attached. As always, please contact me any time if you see news developing in your district or division.

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Outreach Team Meeting Notes

Nov. 12, 2015

Executive

Flint water

- Constantly evolving situation that has been in the news daily, taking a lot of staff time in both Executive and ODWMA
- If you hear any questions from staff, feel free to call (or have them call) Karen at 517-284-6716. Since the situation is complex and evolving, I want to be available to answer questions.

Lake Erie Phosphorus Reduction Plan

- In June, Gov. Snyder signed an agreement with several provinces and states to reduce phosphorus inputs to Lake Erie by 40 percent.
- WRD released Michigan's plan on Nov. 2, and is accepting comment until Dec. 7. The plan includes:
 - Maintain the reductions achieved in discharges from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department as a result of tightened permit limits.
 - Modify the permit limits for the Wayne County Downriver Wastewater Treatment Plan to establish limits consistent with limits at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.
 - Develop a specific plan to achieve the target reduction in the Maumee River basin, working in close partnership with Indiana and Ohio.
 - Help develop a better understanding of harmful algal blooms' presence, timing and cause in Michigan waters, including the Great Lakes.
 - Help develop a better understanding of the role of invasive mussels in causing Lake Erie algae blooms as well as the effects of potential invasive mussel controls.
 - Understand the specifics of what has caused a 36 percent reduction in phosphorus from the River Raisin since 2008 and continue to reduce nutrient loads that can contribute to site-specific or seasonal water quality fluctuations.

Meet Eric Shaw

- Eric joined the Communications Office two months ago, coming to us from MDOT.
- He is responsible for overseeing web content as well as producing videos.
- With his help as well as many others', the DEQ launched its fully redesigned website Nov. 16. The website is not stagnant, so if you see areas for improvement, contact Eric at 517-284-6726 or shawe2@michigan.gov.

AQD

Changes to Air Pollution Control Rules Parts 1 & 2 out for public comment

- Extended comment period runs through Dec. 18, with two hearings in Lansing on Dec. 7

ODWMA

Flint Drinking Water (Ongoing...)

- See above

Revolving Loan – Round 3 for SAW Grants (November)

- \$97 Million in SAW Grants for FY 2016 for Planning, Design, Rate Method, WAMPs, SWAMPs, and SWMPs.
- 134 communities will be awarded SAW Grants for Round 3. Grant awards in November.
- There will be a Loan Arranger blurb. A press release?

Revolving Loan – 1st Quarter FY 2015 Loans (November)

- 3 wastewater projects with a pre-bid estimate of \$41.5 million.
- Wayne County, Milford, and Detroit with unknown principal forgiveness.
- We plan to issue a press release every quarter with information on each project in accordance with U.S. EPA's signage guidance. See Page 5 which states that, *"...it may be appropriate for the state agency to issue a formal press release...Distributing a single prepared statement concisely summarizing the project purpose and the joint funding from EPA and state resources can reach a wide audience as the statement goes through multiple news outlets..."*

Revolving Loan – 4th Quarter FY 2015 Loans (September)

- 3 drinking water projects totaling \$3,865,000: Genesee County (for Mt. Morris Twp), Loch Alpine, and Oakland County with \$265,000 in principal loan forgiveness.
- 17 wastewater projects totaling \$67,375,000: Belleville, Oscoda Twp, Washington Twp, Hamtramck, Bruce Twp, Huron River GID (2), Livingston County, Macomb ID, Burton, Milford, Plainfield Twp, Kinross Twp, Houghton Lake, Hillsdale, Zeeland, and St. Ignace with \$3,150,000 in principal loan forgiveness.
- Press release for 3rd and 4th Quarter Loans is temporarily on hold

Michigan Revised Total Coliform Rule

- 21 minute YouTube video on changes for noncommunity water supplies (NCWS): **Introduction to the Michigan Revised Total Coliform Rule**
- This presentation is intended for water system owners/operators. On April 1, 2016, the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) will go into effect replacing current regulations. It is expected that many noncommunity water supply systems will have increased coliform bacteria monitoring. Owners/operators will be taking on a more active role in assessing their water supply for possible deficiencies in the case of a coliform positive water results. The video is an introduction to the RTCR and the requirements that apply to all NCWS, including coliform bacteria sampling frequencies & system assessments. There are nearly 10,000 NCWS in Michigan. A Noncommunity Water Supply is a water system that provides water for drinking or potable purposes to 25 or more persons at least 60 days per year. NCWS includes schools, restaurants, motels,

campgrounds, and churches that are not connected to a community (municipal) water supply.

OEA

Events

- In FY15, 75 live and web-based trainings (20 more than last year) with over 8,600 people were conducted on DEQ regulations, programs, initiatives, etc.
- FY 16 started out with a bang with 3 large conferences – Environmental Remediation and Risk Management Conference, State of Lake MI/Great Lakes Beach Assoc Joint Conf, and 2015 MI Green Chemistry and Engineering Conf – already trained over 1,000 people just in Oct and early Nov alone!
- Excellent cross training opportunities coming up with Air Quality 101 webinar series and Water Quality webinars - http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333-265165--,00.html

DEQbicle

- Goal to release next week – much smaller issue due to workload

GovDelivery

- Over 66,000 subscribers receiving news from the DEQ programs
- Conducted a review on how lists are being used, since this is a key communications tool in the department.
- We are in the process of making changes to some of the topics and format/design templates for existing lists.

OOGM

Proposed Oil Well – City of Southfield Oakland County

- Word of Faith #16-27 proposed oil well, Jordan Development Company, proposed City of Southfield, Oakland County, Michigan. Word of Faith is a very large megachurch with about 22,000 congregation members, and the well is situated within large woodlot within the 110+ acre campus.
- DEQ has sent notice to City of Southfield and has been in communication with them, the City will be submitting comments within the next week or so. The City does have a drilling moratorium and some proposed ordinances/resolutions.
- The Oakland Press has published at least one initial story, mostly just facts of who what and where.

Mineral Wells FOIA Appeal 6723-15

- DEQ has received a FOIA appeal related to the State Beaver Creek D4-11, a mineral well permitted under Part 325, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County. Permittee is Marathon Oil Company
- The OOGM had denied original FOIA request due to strict confidentiality requirements under Section 324.62508(d) wherein test well information must be held confidential for 10 years.
- Ban Michigan Fracking website does talk about this, but to OOGM knowledge has not been covered elsewhere.

RRD

Legislation to harmonize various parts of brownfield rules coming soon

Updating cleanup criteria: RRD will put together three outreach documents, each written at different levels of technical expertise

Clean up conferences went well and included many networking opportunities for the 750 participants statewide

Jackson District

Brownfield loan for Jackson County Airport expansion project

- Will help realign runway to meet FAA standards
- But realignment needs to run through area of a former landfill

Kalamazoo District

WRD now fully using MiWaters, and experience is improving

Flemming Brothers Oil Company RRD enforcement case on the radar

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Indiana News

PENCE TOUTS 'TREMENDOUS' 2015, LOOKS AHEAD TO 2016

InsideIndianaBusiness.com (Website)

12/30/15

Indiana Governor Mike Pence released an open letter to state residents highlighting Indiana's declining unemployment rate, "historic" work force investments, higher economic growth and increased education funding. Pence says plans for 2016 include continued emphasis on strengthening the economy, improving lives and attracting and retaining top talent. [Read more here.](#)

BALLARD PROUD OF 'NEW GENERATION OF LEADERSHIP'

InsideIndianaBusiness.com (Website)

1/3/16

Former Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard says he is most proud of the "new generation of leadership" that the city has attracted under his administration. Ballard says he feels there is a sense of optimism about the city's future. [Read more here.](#)

NEW MAYOR SWORN IN, SAYS ANDERSON 'FULL OF PROMISE'

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)

1/1/16

Thomas Broderick was sworn in as mayor of Anderson on Friday. In his first address, Broderick thanked outgoing Mayor Kevin Smith for his cooperation during the transition from one administration to another, and said Anderson "is full of promise, and the future is great." [Read more here.](#)

BRODERICK APPOINTS FORMER CITY EMPLOYEES

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)

1/2/16

Anderson Mayor Thomas Broderick announced three appointments a day before assuming office. Merle Jones was appointed general manager for the City of Anderson Transit System, Fred Reese Jr. as City Hall building superintendent, and Kim Townsend as grant administrator. All three are former Anderson city employees who either resigned or were terminated by previous city administrations. [Read more here.](#)

BRODERICK HITS THE GROUND RUNNING

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)

1/3/16

In his first days in office, Anderson Mayor Thomas Broderick plans to meet with all the newly appointed department heads and those being retained from the Smith administration to discuss his philosophy and general policies. Upcoming city business includes determining a location for a new bus terminal for the City of Anderson Transit System. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

GOV. RICK SNYDER NEEDS TO DO MORE THAN JUST APOLOGIZE FOR FLINT WATER CRISIS (Editorial)

Mlive.com (Website)

12/31/15

Gov. Snyder's apology and the resignation of Michigan DEQ Director Dan Wyant over the Flint water crisis continue to draw media attention. Gov. Snyder appointed Department of Natural Resources Director Keith Creagh as the interim head of the DEQ on Wednesday. The following media outlets have ongoing coverage of the situation.

Mlive.com (Editorial)

Mlive.com (Column)

Detroit Free Press

Detroit News

Detroit Metro Times

FLINT OFFICIALS HOPE RESOLUTION CLEARS CITY OF \$15.7 MILLION PAYBACK

Mlive.com (Website)

12/30/15

Flint City Council members voted on a resolution to approve a fund transfer that they hope will clear the city of paying a potential \$15.7 million from the city's general fund. The amount was transferred out of water and sewer funds in 2007 to aid in settling a lawsuit over sewage

overflows. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT MAYOR MEETS WITH COUNTY CHAIRMAN TO DISCUSS CITY'S WATER ACTION PLAN

Mlive.com (Website)

12/30/15

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver met with Genesee County Board Chairman Jamie Curtis to discuss the city's Incident Action Plan to respond to the State of Emergency over elevated lead levels in the drinking water. Curtis added additional components to the plan to safeguard public health and clarify the role the county has played in supporting relief efforts and providing public information to date. The Incident Action Plan will be announced in its entirety and presented to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners today. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT CITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS WATER LAWSUIT IN SPECIAL, CLOSED MEETING

Mlive.com (Website)

12/30/15

A special Flint City Council meeting has been called for Wednesday, January 6, to discuss a class-action lawsuit brought by residents Larry Shears and Margaret Fralick alleging the city illegally raised water rates. [Read more here.](#)

STUDY: DRIVERLESS CARS TO BE 15% OF GLOBAL SALES BY '30

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

1/3/16

A report by McKinsey & Company predicts that by 2030, 15 percent of global automotive sales will be of fully autonomous cars, and the industry will continue to undergo massive technological changes. The report also predicts that by 2030, up to 1 out of 10 new cars sold may likely be a shared vehicle, because the importance of vehicle ownership is declining thanks to ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft, and car-sharing services like Zipcar. [Read more here.](#)

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Indiana News

CHAMBERLAIN TO HEAD ANDERSON PARKS DEPARTMENT

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
1/4/16

Rodney Chamberlain has been selected as the next superintendent of the Anderson Parks & Recreation Department. Chamberlain previously served as recreation superintendent with the Parks Department from 1992 through August 2012. [Read more here.](#)

GM PLANT PARKING LOT REDEVELOPMENT ON-TRACK

Inside Indiana Business (Indianapolis, IN)
1/5/16

A deal to transform a former General Motors plant parking lot into athletic fields and facilities is moving forward. The Michigan-based RACER Trust has completed the sale of six acres at the old GM Manual Transmission property in Muncie to Ross Community Center Inc. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

SNYDER WEIGHS DECLARING WATER EMERGENCY IN FLINT

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)
1/4/16

The Genesee County Commission approved Flint's state of emergency declaration, sending it on to the governor's office. The city's action plan calls for \$45 million to replace 15,000 lead transmission lines that connect Flint homes to the city's water system, as well as \$6 million to connect Flint to the KWA pipeline currently under construction. The following media outlets have ongoing coverage of the situation.

Detroit News
[MIlive.com](#)

Michigan Radio
 Detroit Free Press (Column)
 Detroit Free Press

WORK CONTINUES ON NEW MICHIGAN WATER PIPELINE

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)

1/5/16

Thanks to a mild winter, work continues on the final portion of the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline project to bring water from Lake Huron to communities including Flint. [Read more here.](#)

GENESEE COUNTY CONDUCTS COMMUNITY SURVEY FOCUSED ON FLINT WATER CRISIS

Mlive.com (Website)

1/3/16

The Genesee County Health Department is conducting a survey for Flint residents to share their opinions on Flint's water crisis. The survey can be completed online and is available in the content of the article. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT MAY RESUME WATER SHUTOFFS SOON

Michigan Radio (Ann Arbor, MI)

1/4/16

Later this month, Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Archie Hayman will hand down a ruling finding Flint water customers are due a small rollback in their rates, but also will allow the city to shut off water to people who owe money dating back to 2012. [Read more here.](#)

DETROIT AUTOMAKERS HAVE STRONG DEC. AND 2015 AUTO SALES

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)

1/5/16

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Ford and GM are reporting strong end-of-year and full-year sales, and may have set a record for number of cars and trucks sold in the U.S. in a calendar year, eclipsing the previous high from 2000. [Read more here.](#)

HOWES: DETROIT PUSHING FOR PLACE IN SELF-DRIVING RACE

The Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

1/5/16

Columnist Daniel Howes writes that the competition is heating up between Detroit automakers,

Silicon Valley stalwarts and high-tech newcomers for the advantage in developing next-generation mobility. [Read more here.](#)

GM TO HIRE 500 FOR THIRD SHIFT AT LANSING PLANT

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, MI)

1/4/16

General Motors Co. is adding a third shift at the Lansing Grand River Assembly plant to keep up with demand for the 2016 Camaro and plans to hire more than 500 employees in the coming months. When hiring is complete, the plant will employ roughly 2,300 people, according to the company. [Read more here.](#)

THOUSANDS OF DOWNTOWN DETROIT APARTMENTS ARE ON THE WAY

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)

1/3/16

A dozen or more construction projects now under way in downtown Detroit will add more than 1,000 new apartments this year. The new construction reflects market demand as developers respond to the increasing desire of young, educated professionals to move to the downtown area. [Read more here.](#)

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