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The briefing included US EPA in the room, as well as Congressman Kildee, reps from Peters' and Stabenow's offices, state Sen. Ananich, someone from the Dem policy office, and Flint's Mayor.

The DEQ appreciated the chance to answer elected officials' questions and explain how the state's regulatory program works. We felt we were clear that the lead detected in Flint's water is strictly the product of lead in home plumbing. It doesn't come from the river, or the plant, or the cast iron pipes employed for most of the delivery system. It comes from water passing through lead service connections – more than 15,000 of them in Flint, and it comes from home plumbing in older homes.

The federal government passed the Lead and Copper rule in the early 90s – not to eliminate the problem, which is nationwide, but to minimize it where possible, monitor it and encourage public awareness about the undisputed fact that water moving through lead plumbing inevitably picks up some lead.

Since so many of the elected leaderships' ideas – from the forgiveness of existing federal loans to long-term funding for a home lead abatement program or a long-overdue infrastructure address in the city – would require federal money and strong leadership of the congressional delegation, their interest and involvement is both welcome and critical here.

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Brad,

Did you guys have any response to Kildee's statement yesterday afternoon on Flint's water and his call for independent testing?

Thanks,

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