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Cc: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Meeting w Legislator

Thank you both again for going over with me, especially on such short notice!
Sarah

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From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
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Cc: Howes, Sarah (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: Meeting w Legislator

Richard Benzie, Sarah Howes, and I met with State Representatives Sheldon Neeley, 34th District and Phil Phelps, 48th District to discuss the TTHM violation in the city of Flint late yesterday afternoon . Attached is a summary of our discussion.

Michael Prysby, P.E.
District Engineer
Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance
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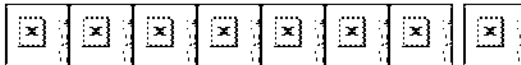
From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Subject: RE: What is the state's role in Flint's water fiasco?

I'm theorizing here, but most likely what they are seeing is a result of differing water chemistry. A change in water chemistry can sometimes cause more corrosive water to slough material off of pipes as opposed to depositing material or coating pipes in the distribution system. This may continue for a while until things stabilize. It would be unusual for water leaving the plant to have color like people are seeing at their taps. Generally this is a distribution system problem or a premise plumbing issue. Since it appears wide-spread, it's most likely a distribution system problem.

From: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 10:10 AM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Subject: FW: What is the state's role in Flint's water fiasco?

I've never seen TTHMs cause such discoloration?

From: Bridge Magazine [<mailto:ajones@thecenterformichigan.ccsend.com>] **On Behalf Of** Bridge Magazine
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:36 AM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Subject: What is the state's role in Flint's water fiasco?



News & Analysis from The Center for Michigan

Cringe over troubled water - Flint's smelly dilemma

Flint calls on the state to clear up the city's low-quality drinking water.



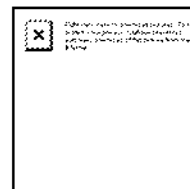
Who is responsible for the city's water problems?

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MSU Dean: Obama's free college plan is not best path to a degree

Where will the money come from? Why would Republicans embrace it? Wouldn't aid be better spent on only those students truly need help? Too many questions for now.

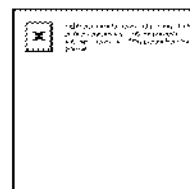


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Commentary: Michigan criminal code encroaching on civil liberties

New, get-tough laws requiring DNA swabs or field sobriety tests from people who have not yet been convicted stretch the limits of government power.

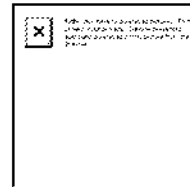


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Coming Next Week: 2014 Academic State Champs

Bridge ranks every district, school and charter in the state by how much their students overachieve or underachieve academically, based on their socioeconomic status. The results may surprise you.



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From: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 4:58 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ);Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Cc: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Subject: Draft - March 9 Meeting - SMT - For Sygo's Review on Content
Attachments: Legislation List 3.9.15.doc; OWMRP Presentation to SMT 3-9-2015.pptx

Jim, please review for content. I still need to proof. Please review your Report as well. I'm hoping to send out on Monday afternoon.

Thanks.

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Dear DEQ Staff,

Below is the information from the March 9, 2015, Senior Management Team (SMT) meeting. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact your division/office management directly.

DEQ SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING NOTES

Director's Report

Calendar items include a speech at the Michigan Municipal League, meetings with other state department directors, SMT/State Chamber reception, Michigan Recycling Council meeting, other internal meetings. The Director will be at the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) meeting on March 16-18, in Washington D.C. and this time in Washington D.C. will also include a meeting regarding ozone issues as well as Congressional visits.

Deputy Director's Report

Jim Sygo meet with the Department of Treasury regarding Water and Air permits tax exemptions. Jim will review the issues with Bill Creal and Lynn Fiedler. Rich Alexander will be retiring this spring and interview will be held in the near future for the Chief of the Environmental Assistance position. In addition, we are working on position descriptions for the district coordinator positions so that they can also be posted and filled as the time will be expiring on the current district coordinators.

DTMB Partnership Session - Laura Mester, MDOT Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of MDOT's partnership effort with DTMB to identify opportunities to address service issues. MDOT and DTMB underwent a yearlong process specifically focused on information technology service issues and were able to identify and implement solutions to provide greater role clarity, strengthened communication, and improved services. DEQ is considering undergoing a similar process.

Office of Policy

Dave Fiedler reported that the rules-set for 2013-101 EQ "Oil and Gas Operations" may be filed with the Office of the Great Seal the week of March 9, 2015. (this was done on March 11, 2015).

Jim Goodheart reported that the Healthy Waters initiative is progressing. Tribal meetings continue to be held as well.

Office of Communications

Brad reported on a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 on sulfide oxide in Detroit.

Brad continues to work on the city of Flint issues with the Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance as well as with other agencies.

The State Journal did a recent article on the aging of state employees and future retirements.

Legislative

Sarah Howes reported that the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees will be holding a joint committee on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Industry representatives including Andy Such of Michigan Manufacturers Association, John Griffin of API, and Jason Geer of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce will be testifying on the successes of the legislative changes to Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), and to Part 213, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). They will also discuss their increasingly positive relationships with the DEQ.

The House Tax Policy and House Oversight and Ethics Committees will be holding a hearing on the 2014 Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Program's Performance Audit. Treasury, Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Department of Environmental Quality will present on this together.

House Regulatory Reform Committee will be voting out House Bill 4054, authored by Representative Andy Schor, which aims to create better communication between regulatory agencies in regards to mobile home communities.

Also attached, is the legislative update for the week of March 9, 2015.

Division/Office Chief Reports

Remediation and Redevelopment Division

Please see the legislative report.

Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals

In a recent case, the Michigan Court of Appeals agreed with landowners that the MPSC did not document its review of environmental impacts for a pipeline segment. This is just a reminder of the importance of documenting our processes, even if that means just checking a box that it has been done. Our high-volume hydraulic fracturing rules will have resided with JCAR for the requisite 15 session days as of March 10, 2015. Controversy over oil and gas drilling in high-density residential areas continues; two bills were recently introduced—one to grant zoning authority over oil and gas operations to townships and counties, and one to increase setbacks to 1,000 feet in high-population counties.

Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance

ODWMA shared that staff attended the Michigan Groundwater Association (well drillers) Convention and Trade Show in Battle Creek. Staff participated both as speakers, and as attendees. The conference was an excellent opportunity to improve communications and develop our ongoing relationship with stakeholders.

Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection

Bryce Feighner, Chief, ODWMA, presented information on priorities and updates. Please see the attached PowerPoint for some great information on the OWMRP.

Office of Environmental Assistance

The DEQ will host next planning meeting of the Governor's Recycling Summit here in Constitution Hall on March 17. Registration for the Recycling Summit along with the MI Recycling Coalition Annual Conference begin today (March 9, 2015)

http://michiganrecycles.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=109&Itemid=1498.

The OEA and OWMRP are once again delivering the Introduction to Hazardous Waste Webinar Series. The first part of the series was held on March 4, 2015, with over 440 people in attendance. More information about the 3 part series as well as other upcoming training can be found at www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops.

The on-line application for the Quality of Life Leadership Academy will go live Monday, March 16, 2015. The application can be accessed at the QOL Leadership Academy SharePoint. Brown bag information sessions will be offered the week of March 16, 2015, in DEQ's Cadillac, Gaylord, Jackson, Warren, and Constitution Hall locations. There will also be an information session offered at the MDARD's Third Thursday Leadership meeting on March 19, 2015. Please see above SharePoint site for details.

Proposals for QOL Leadership Academy action learning projects are being accepted until May 1, 2015. Please read the **attached letter** for details, which includes a link to the on-line submittal form. Questions may be directed to Mary Goodhall at 284-6859, or goodhallm@michigan.gov.

Water Resources Division

Bill Creal, Chief, Water Resources Division, has decided to retire after 36 years of service to the State of Michigan. His last day will be April 30, 2015.

District Updates

Jackson: The Jackson District hosted an IDP brownbag lunch, the brownbag lunch was organized by Larry Bean and was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, it was well attended by approximately 10 district staff;

On Monday afternoon March 9, 2015, the Jackson District facilitated a meeting on the Tyler Dam, involving Revolving Loan Fund staff and multiple others inside and outside the Department to address multi-program issues in an effort to aid in getting an approvable loan closed by the end of this FY;

The RRD staff will be having its quarterly meeting with RACER Trust, Ypsilanti Township; Walbridge, Ann Arbor Spark, et.al. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015;

The Jackson District supervisors are sponsoring the Jackson District annual Employee Appreciation lunch on Thursday, March 12, 2015;

Jackson District's Mitch Adelman is doing a Guest Lecture on Urban geochemistry at Eastern Michigan University on March 16, 2015; and

Jackson District's Scott Miller has organized a QOL Leadership Academy Q&A for interested Jackson District staff, to be held on March 17, 2015.

Other Items

Next Meeting: March 23, 2015

Thank you.

Dan Wyant
Director

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Indiana News

CITY OFFICIALS WELCOME PUBLIC'S OPINION AT JUSTICE CENTER MEETING

WISH-TV (Indianapolis, IN)
3/23/15

A staff report notes that Indianapolis city planners held an open meeting last night to discuss concerns and get feedback regarding the proposed Justice Center Complex. Please note that a video clip is included in this link. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

GENESEE COUNTY ECONOMY 'MOVING FORWARD,' CHAMBER SAYS

MLive.com (Flint, MI)
3/23/15

Reporter Eric Dresden reports that Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce officials believe the economy is moving forward thanks to tourism, job creation, and major projects in the area including the Flint Farmers Market, General Motors' new paint facility, and others. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT OFFICIALS SEEKING TO RECONNECT TO DETROIT WATER SUPPLY

Crain's Detroit Business (Detroit, MI)
3/24/15

The Associated Press reports that the Flint City Council has voted to stop using the Flint River as the primary source of water for the city, amid many concerns from residents about the water quality since the city switched to using the Flint River in April. [Read more here.](#)

DETROIT RESIDENTS SOUND OFF TO

COMMISSION ON CITY COUNCIL RAISE

WJBK-TV (Detroit, MI)

3/23/15

A staff report notes that more than 70 residents showed up at Monday's Detroit City Council Compensation Commission meeting to speak out against the idea of city leaders getting a pay raise. Please note that a video clip is included in this link. [Read more here.](#)

Also: A version of this story appears on WWJ-TV.

PBS HOST TAVIS SMILEY TO SPOTLIGHT DETROIT AFTER BANKRUPTCY BY BROADCASTING HIS SHOW HERE

WXYZ-TV (Detroit, MI)

3/23/15

Reporter Dave LewAllen reports that PBS host Tavis Smiley is broadcasting his interview show in Detroit this week to shine a spotlight on the city and its path following bankruptcy. Please note that a video clip is included in this link. [Read more here.](#)

TOURISM INDUSTRY GIVES BOOST TO MICHIGAN'S RECOVERY

The Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

3/24/15

Reporter Lauren Abdel-Razzaq notes that according to a report from Michigan State University researchers, Michigan's tourism industry is growing steadily as the economy continues to improve. [Read more here.](#)

REPORT: DOWNTOWN DETROIT IMPROVING BUT WORK NEEDED

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)

3/22/15

Reporter John Gallagher notes that a new report makes it clear that greater downtown Detroit has made significant advances in recent years in attracting new residents and businesses, but revitalization is far from over.

Also: a similar version of this story appears in Crain's Detroit Business.

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Delaware News

MORENO VALLEY: WHAT WILL FISKER AUTOMOTIVE DO FOR THE INLAND REGION?

The Press-Enterprise (Riverside, CA)
6/17/2015

Fisker Automotive officials on Wednesday disclosed plans to lease and open a 555,670 square-foot plant in Moreno Valley Industrial Park by the first quarter of 2016 to restart the exclusive Karma hybrid-electric luxury car line. Fisker originally was to have produced its vehicle in the former GM plant in Wilmington. [Read more here.](#)

Louisiana News

LAND ROVER WON'T OCCUPY OLD GM BUILDING, OTHER USERS CLOSE TO CALLING THE PLANT HOME

KSLA (Shreveport, LA)
6/17/2015

In addition to Elio Motors, which is expected to occupy a portion of the former General Motors building, property lease-holder Stu Lichter says one of three other potential users is "very close" to moving into the building in the near future. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ROBBY WELLS VISITING FLINT TO TALK JOBS

MLive.com (Website)
6/17/2015

2016 Democratic candidate Robby Wells, one of 397 presidential candidates who filed with the Federal Election Commission, is visiting Flint today to meet with community members and local

leaders and tour some of the city's industrial sites. [Read more here.](#)

GROUND BREAKS ON KWA PIPELINE PROJECT

WNEM.com (Saginaw, MI)

6/17/2015

Ground was broken on a new water treatment plant that will receive its raw, untreated water from Lake Huron through the KWA pipeline and supply water to Genesee, Lapeer and Sanilac counties. Construction on the water treatment plant is expected to wrap up in 2017. The pipe is being supplied by American Spiralweld Pipe, which built a manufacturing facility on the former Buick City property. [Read more here.](#)

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To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Cc: Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); Creal, William (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Water Emergency

FYI ---

Thanks Bill. I hadn't seen this before.

From: Creal, William (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 6:56 AM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Subject: Fwd: Water Emergency

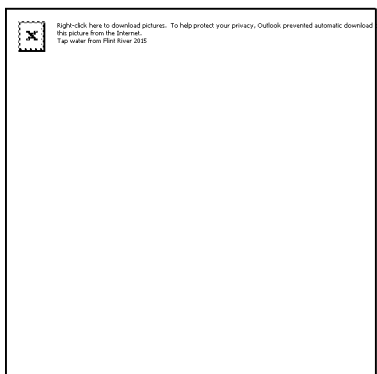
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Caleb Laieski <caleb_m_laieski@yahoo.com>
Date: August 25, 2015 at 12:36:00 AM EDT
To: <mayor@cityofflint.com>
Cc: <McCarthy.Gina@epamail.epa.gov>, <r5hotline@epa.gov>, <hedman.susan@epa.gov>, <Hyde.Tinka@epa.gov>, <WyantD@michigan.gov>, <CREALW@michigan.gov>, <NRC@uscg.mil>
Subject: Water Emergency

Emergency Personnel and Honorable Officials:

I am extremely concerned after being sent the following photo and this issue needs to be investigated ASAP -



Flint tap water.

In 2014, Flint's emergency manager disconnected the city from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) and started providing residents with water from the Flint River. Since that time, residents have been struggling to maintain access to a clean, safe drinking water supply.

Residents of Flint report having tap water with high levels of copper, lead, THMs (chemicals that result when chlorine mixes with organic matter), tin, lime and iron. The water is often brown or bluish-green in color and contains sediment. As a result, people are experiencing symptoms including hair loss, lead poisoning and diseases related to consuming high levels of copper (to name a few).

The Flint River clearly is not a safe, reliable source for the city's drinking water. It was as easy as pushing a button to disconnect from DWSD; it's time to push the button again, reconnecting Flint to DWSD and providing Flint residents with the clean, safe water they deserve.

Please reconnect Flint to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department immediately and make water safe and clean for all.

Begin forwarded message:

Date: August 4, 2015 at 4:08:13 PM EDT

From: "Lynna Kauchek, Food & Water Watch" <act@fwwatch.org>

Reply-To: "Lynna Kauchek, Food & Water Watch" <act@fwwatch.org>

To: Caleb Laieski <caleb_m_laieski@yahoo.com>

Subject: Dangerously toxic drinking water



Residents of Flint, Michigan Have Dangerously Toxic Drinking Water

[Sign the Petition: Demand Clean, Safe Drinking Water for Flint!](#)

**Would you drink water
with dangerous levels of
lead and copper?**

Dear Caleb,

It's hard to believe that in 2015, residents of an American town are being poisoned by their public water system.

About a year ago, Flint, Michigan residents were switched from getting water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to getting water from the Flint River, all in an attempt to cut costs. **But this change has cost the people of Flint greatly.**

Sign the petition to tell the Flint City Council and Mayor to switch Flint back to Detroit's clean drinking water — it's as easy as pushing a button!

Flint residents like Melissa Mays are trying to get their story out nationally to bring more attention to their fight.

In April 2014, a button was pushed that changed my life and thousands of others in Flint, Michigan. For over a year now, we have been drinking toxic water and suffering the severe health challenges that have come as a result.

Since Flint started providing us with water from the Flint River, my water has turned bluish-green from all the copper in the water, the levels of lead have quadrupled and we have been notified about high levels of TTHMs (chemicals that are formed when chlorine mixes with organic matter). And the pH of my water is 4, which means that it's as acidic as tomato juice!

Other neighbors have experienced brown water and have found traces of tin, lime and iron in their water. Members of my community have been reporting cases of lead poisoning, and many neighbors have reported that their hair is falling out because of our toxic water. Due to the high levels of copper in my water, I am suffering from osteoarthritis and bone spurs at the age of 36.

Access to safe drinking water is a human right. Demand that Mayor Walling and Flint City Council give the people of Flint clean, safe water!

Like other Michigan cities, Flint is struggling financially. In 2014, Flint's emergency manager decided that, as a cost-saving measure, the city would stop buying clean, safe water from Detroit and start providing residents with water from the Flint River.

But the Flint River experiment has not panned out. The city has failed to adequately treat the water from the Flint River to make it safe to drink. Almost immediately after the switch, residents noticed changes in smell, color and taste of the water coming out of their taps, and tests showed high levels of bacteria that forced the city to issue boil advisories.

To kill the bacteria, the city increased the amount of chlorine in the water, which resulted in the high levels of toxic trihalomethanes (TTHMs that Melissa mentions). Samples show levels of lead contamination in the water that's off the charts (likely due to Flint's inability to prevent lead from the old pipes from leaching into the water). A well-known neurotoxin, lead poisoning can have severe long-term impacts on children's developing brains.¹

It is abundantly clear that the Flint River is not a safe, reliable source for the city's drinking water. Sign the petition to tell Flint Mayor Walling and the Flint City Council to switch back to Detroit Water to ensure clean, safe drinking water for Flint.

It was as easy as pushing a button to disconnect from Detroit's water service, it's time to push the button again to reconnect Flint to Detroit Water and provide Flint residents with the clean, safe water they deserve.

I am collecting petitions from people all over the country to deliver in person to the Flint City Council and



Flint tap water.

No One Should Have to Drink Toxic Water!

Mayor at the end of August. I hope you'll help bring national attention to this issue by signing the petition to the Flint Mayor and City Council to give residents access to safe drinking water.

Thank you for taking action,

Lynna Kauchek
Senior Organizer
Food & Water Watch
act(at)fwwatch(dot)org

1. [Aging Pipes Are Poisoning America's Tap Water](#), *The Atlantic*, July 29, 2015.

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Louisiana News

THREE WHEELS ON MY WAGON

The Economist (London, UK)
8/31/2015

A history of 3-wheeled motor vehicles is presented with an analysis of their technical pitfalls including safety, oversteering, and tendency to roll. Despite the unsuccessful attempts of previous companies at producing a 3-wheeled vehicle such as the Reliant Robin, Elio Motors is hoping to launch production on its "tadpole" 3-wheeler this year. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

COUNCIL SUPPORTS EAST MICHIGAN AVENUE'S REVITALIZATION

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, MI)
8/31/2015

Lansing City Council voted unanimously to approve a \$77 million mixed-used project called SkyVue, as well as plans for Feldman's Bud Kouts Chevrolet to spend \$3.5 million to redevelop its dealership, both located on East Michigan Avenue. The projects are part of the transformation of a one-mile stretch of Michigan Avenue running up to the city's border with East Lansing. [Read more here.](#)

WATER SHUTOFF MORATORIUM IN FLINT AS WATER CRISIS CONTINUES

WSWS.org (Website)
9/1/2015

A Circuit Court judge ordered a reduction in water rates in the city of Flint, ruling that a 35 percent rate hike in 2011 was illegal. Residents have complained of discolored, foul-tasting drinking water following the decision of the city's emergency manager in 2014 to disconnect the city from the Detroit water system as a cost-saving measure and begin drawing water from the polluted Flint

River. Read more here.

THE ISSUE CONNECTING SELF-DRIVING CARS TO PHILOSOPHERS

TheZebra .com (Website)

8/31/2015

Stanford University's Center for Automotive Research is consulting philosophers with the goal of programming self-driving cars to make ethical decisions. In dangerous situations, self-driving cars must be able to interpret complex ethical scenarios and make split-second decisions such as whether to swerve into oncoming traffic or a sidewalk to avoid a pedestrian in the road. Read more here.

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To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Cc: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Executive Retreat

Thanks, Liane!

Jim: I've printed for you and will bring with me on Monday.

From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Cc: Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ); Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Executive Retreat

Jim –

ODWMA's top priorities/issues that will continue into FY 2016:

Flint – Anticipate that FOIA's, Pb/Cu regulation/issues, log letters, etc. will continue and continue.

Closed Loop Geothermal legislation/regulation – we had a good public meeting on 9/9/15 to discuss draft legislation. We will re-draft the legislation based on comments received. We anticipate we will be able to reach consensus. The draft does include \$ for a registration program

Campgrounds – we have drafted legislation and we are reconvening our stakeholder work group (9/21/15). We anticipate moving forward, but we will need to address the industry concern regarding groundwater permit fees. The draft campground legislation does include a fee increase to add an FTE to the program.

Statewide Sanitary Code – after many years, it looks like multiple parties are interested in seeing this advance. We are working with John Bowman on draft legislation. This will need \$\$ to implement.

Mobile Home Task Force Meeting – we continue to work with DLARA to address statutory and needed rule changes to effectively administer a mobile home park program. This will be on-going for some time. We'll need to update some of our rules once they figure out what they're doing.

Well Construction Code – we will continue in FY 2016 to work with MGWA to improve our relationship and resurrect needed updates to Part 127. We're hoping that success with the Closed Loop Geothermal legislation will help get this effort back on track by building trust and laying a foundation for showing how we can be successful if everyone works together.

SAW – we will be entering grant agreements this fall for a third round of funding. Hopefully, there will be less controversy over this program now that's in the third year. We will however, soon need to make a decision about whether additional funding should be made available to fund all projects on the list.

From: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 2:50 PM
To: Feighner, Bryce (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Fiedler, Lynn (DEQ); Fitch, Hal (DEQ); Wagner, Robert (DEQ)
Cc: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Subject: Executive Retreat

Next Monday and Tuesday we are having an Executive Retreat to discuss 2015 and 2016 FY. If you could provide me with what you believe are your top issues that need to be dealt with in the upcoming year in a **short e-mail by noon of September 14, I would appreciate it.**

From: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2015 2:44 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Cc: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
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Importance: High

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How's Mi doing today.

I went tailgating this morning! Lol

Mb

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 26, 2015, at 2:44 PM, "Sygo, Jim (DEQ)" <SygoJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 20, 2015, at 4:17 PM, Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ) <THELENM2@michigan.gov> wrote:

Thank you!!!

I may also have an older set – August 24, that I may send to you too yet today!

Mary Beth

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But I'll be here at the Land Use lunch, listening to *Sean Hammond, of MEC*, talk about a proposed ban on fish farming in the Great Lakes..

We ,meet at 602 W Ionia, from noon to 1, *see you there*.

Mid-MEAC Land Use lunch series

From: McNeely, Jacques (DTMB)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 2:32 PM
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Subject: City of Flint Water Funding Solution

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Jim,

Following up from this morning's meeting on Flint. Wondering if you can clarify for us here in SBO, the State Lab need for testing faucet samples. Is this an expense the EPA can pick up?

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Jacques

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Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
10/7/2015

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Louisiana News

TOP 5 CROWDFUNDING PROJECTS EVER

Voice of America (Washington, DC)
10/8/2015

A list is presented of the five crowdfunding projects that have raised the most money to date, including Elio Motors, which has raised \$37 million. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

GOV. SNYDER MOVES TO COME UP WITH \$12 MILLION TO SWITCH FLINT'S WATER BACK TO DETROIT'S SUPPLY

Michigan Radio (Ann Arbor, MI)
10/8/2015

Gov. Rick Snyder announced his support for reconnecting the City of Flint's water supply back to Detroit's water system. Snyder will ask the Michigan Legislature to provide half of the \$12 million required to reconnect the system. The City of Flint will pay \$2 million, and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation will contribute \$4 million. The city should be reconnected to the Detroit system in two weeks. [Read more here.](#)

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Reuters (New York, NY)

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Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

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UAW, FIAT CHRYSLER AVOID STRIKE; REACH TENTATIVE DEAL

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

10/8/2015

The United Auto Workers and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles reached a new tentative contract before a Wednesday night deadline, avoiding a potential strike. UAW says it "secured significant gains" in negotiations, but no details have been released about the deal. [Read more here.](#)

LEXUS DEBUTS SELF-DRIVING FEATURE, WILL COME TO MARKET BY 2020

CarAndDriver.com (Website)

10/8/2015

Lexus is set to introduce its first fully autonomous vehicle within five years. The current automated Lexus model can merge, exit, take sweeping curves, and overtake slower vehicles. When wireless vehicle-to-vehicle communications become standardized, the cruise control would lap into the lead car's computer and relay its brake and throttle inputs to better keep a safe distance. [Read more here.](#)

New York News

MYSTERY DEER SPECIES SHOWS UP IN NORTH COUNTRY

WNYF (Watertown, NY)

10/7/2015

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division notified local residents about sightings of an unidentified deer species. Officials said there is concern the deer may have Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which is not transmittable to humans, but can be passed along to wild deer. The deer reportedly has been seen on or around the former GM property in Massena. [Read more here.](#)

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Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
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Michigan News

NEW UAW-FCA DEAL GIVES TIER 2 WORKERS PATH TO TOP PAY

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)
10/9/2015

A new proposed deal between the UAW and FCA allows entry-level workers to reach a new wage of \$29 an hour over eight years, putting them at par with senior colleagues and effectively eliminating the two-tier pay scale. [Read more here.](#)

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Lansing State Journal (Lansing, MI)
10/9/2015

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SWITCH FROM FLINT RIVER TO DETROIT WATER EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO WEEKS

Mlive.com (Website)

10/8/2015

Flint's switch from using the Flint River for city water back to the Detroit water system will take two weeks or less, but an expert says it will take another month for lead levels in the city to drop back to lower levels as a result. [Read more here.](#)

SNYDER SEEKING \$9.35M IN STATE AID FOR FLINT WATER CRISIS, AND MICHIGAN LAWMAKERS ARE ON BOARD

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Michigan lawmakers appear willing to approve the nearly \$10 million necessary to switch Flint's water system back to Detroit water. Gov. Snyder asked the state for \$6 million to help the city switch from the Flint River to the Detroit water system, and for an additional \$3.35 million to pay for water testing. [Read more here.](#)

STATE SHOULD PAY FOR ITS OWN MISTAKES IN FLINT WATER CRISIS (Editorial)

Mlive.com (Website)

10/8/2015

The Flint Journal Editorial Board writes the state of Michigan should not ask the City of Flint to pay for switching the city's water system back to the Detroit system, because a state-appointed emergency financial manager was responsible for the decision to use the Flint River as a water source. [Read more here.](#)

Ohio News

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PORT AUTHORITY TO LAUNCH NEW DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Dayton Business Journal (Dayton, OH)

10/8/2015

Montgomery County is partnering with the Dayton/Montgomery County Port Authority and the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District in a new program, termed SEED, or Strategic Enhanced Economic Development. The program could play a role in bolstering business growth in the region. [Read more here.](#)

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Journal Gazette (Fort Wayne, IN)
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NorthPoint Development COO Chad Meyer says he does not believe that two truck and rail transfer facilities are needed to serve suppliers of the General Motors plant in Lafayette Township, while the developer of a second proposal, Crown Enterprises, believes the two proposed sites could coexist. [Read more here.](#)

CITY LEADERS, LOCALS TALK ANDERSON ECONOMY AT JOB FAIR

WishTV.com (Website)
10/14/2015

More than 50 employers attended a job fair in downtown Anderson. Mayor Kevin Smith says Anderson's unemployment rate is now under 6 percent. [Read more here.](#)

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MICHIGAN HOUSE OKS \$9.35M FOR FLINT WATER SWITCH, CRISIS RESPONSE

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OUR EDITORIAL: UAW'S JOBS FOR PAY TRADEOFF (Editorial)

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

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Mlive.com (Website)

10/14/2015

James Sayer, a research scientist at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute who oversaw the creation of Mcity, was honored at the White House by U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx as a 2015 Transportation Champion of Change. The award is given to transportation leaders "who have provided exemplary leadership in advancing transportation and championing innovation that will benefit our nation's transportation system for decades to come." [Read more here.](#)

ARE SELF-DRIVING CARS CLOSER THAN WE THINK?

CNBC (New York, NY)

10/14/2015

Former General Motors Vice Chairman Bob Lutz says a completely autonomous car is five to six years away. He added that "super cruise," which allows a car to steer, drive, brake and accelerate automatically on the highway, will be available as early as next year. [Read more here.](#)

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Subject: City of Flint Meeting at 10:00
Location: City of Flint - 1101 S. Saginaw Street, Flint 48502 - City Administrator's Office

Start: Fri 10/23/2015 7:45 AM
End: Fri 10/23/2015 2:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Required Attendees: Edgerton, Shelly (LARA); Wells, Eden (DHHS); Dykema, Linda D. (DHHS); Shaw, Eric (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); 'Sygo, Jim (DEQ) (SygoJ@michigan.gov)'
Optional Attendees: Rockefeller, Cheryl (DHHS); Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ); Beebe, Beth (LARA)

Meeting Notice Includes Travel Time.

Friday, October 23, 10:00.
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Confirmed: The Water Treatment Plant Tour has been confirmed by Howard (of the Water Treatment Plant) for immediately after the 10:00 meeting, so 11:30 or after. This tour will most likely take about an hour. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

Also, for now please hold Friday (and possibly every Friday at 10:00. Once I hear back I can send additional meeting notices.

State Government Participants:

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 Jim Sygo
 Shelly Edgerton
 Dr. Eden Wells
 Dr. Linda Dykema
 Karen Tommasulo, DEQ
 Eric Shaw, DEQ (for Water Treatment Plant Tour)

George, if I am missing anyone, please let me know.

The City Administrator is:

Natasha L. Henderson, City Administrator
City of Flint, Michigan
 1101 S. Saginaw St.
 Flint, MI 48502
 Email: nhenderson@cityofflint.com
 Phone: (810) 237-2057
 (Mary Beth's Contact Person is Sean Hammer)

I'll be in touch.

Thank you.

Mary Beth Thelen
517-284-6712

Subject: City of Flint Meeting at 10:00 - Krisztian/Sygo/Edgerton/Wells/Dykema/Tommasulo/Shaw (followed by a Water Plant Tour at 11:30.)

Location: City of Flint - 1101 S. Saginaw Street, Flint 48502 - City Administrator's Office

Start: Fri 10/23/2015 7:45 AM
End: Fri 10/23/2015 1:30 PM
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517-284-6712

From: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:08 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Cc: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Rally Re: Flint Drinking Water Issue

Gary Hagler said MSP was handling with DTMB – so I don't know if he wanted us to send out a note?? But I think one should be sent.

I was confused by Gary's note – want to give him a call? Thanks.

Mary Beth

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From: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:06 PM
To: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Rally Re: Flint Drinking Water Issue

I think it would be a good idea just so they know what is going on.
 Do you want to send it or do you want me to?

From: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:15 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Cc: Hagler, Gary (DNR); Shaler, Karen (DEQ); Olszewski, Rosemarie (DEQ); Hawes, Mary Kay (DEQ); King, Kevin (DEQ); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Copen, Leigh (DEQ); Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Rally Re: Flint Drinking Water Issue
Importance: High

Jim,

Should all staff at Con Hall be informed? Please advise.
 Please see note sent out from WRD.

Thanks.
 MBT

From: Smith, Laura (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:09 PM
To: DEQ-WRD-Lansing; DEQ-WRD-Lansing-District
Cc: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ); Shaler, Karen (DEQ); Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ); Copen, Leigh (DEQ); Olszewski,

Rosemarie (DEQ)

Subject: Rally Re: Flint Drinking Water Issue

FYI - I was informed today that several groups plan to rally in/at/around Con Hall tomorrow (10/28/15) starting around noon regarding the Flint drinking water issue.

Thanks,

Laura

From: Henry, Timothy [henry.timothy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Cc: Kaplan, Robert
Subject: Re: After Action - Flint Task Force Discussion of School Sampling Event - Please call [PPI] Conf
 Code: [PPI]

Thank you Jim

Tim Henry
 Deputy Director, Water Division
 US EPA Region V
 312-886-6107 (office)
 [PPI] (cell)

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 28, 2015, at 15:00, Sygo, Jim (DEQ) <SygoJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

They are not. We expect to finish their permit today and the cover letter tomorrow so they can start construction of the additional feed later this week.

From: Henry, Timothy [mailto:henry.timothy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Cc: Kaplan, Robert
Subject: RE: After Action - Flint Task Force Discussion of School Sampling Event - Please call [PPI] Conf
 Code: [PPI]

Thanks Jim. Can you confirm whether at this point in time Flint is providing any orthophosphate addition for corrosion control beyond what is in the incoming water from the Great Lakes Water Authority (Detroit). The question came up in a recent call and we did not have a definitive answer.

Tim Henry
 Deputy Director, Water Division
 U.S. EPA (W-15J)
 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3590
 Phone: 312.886.6107 Fax: 312.692.2578

From: Sygo, Jim (DEQ) [mailto:SygoJ@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Kaplan, Robert <kaplan.robert@epa.gov>; shekterl@michigan.gov; Krisztian, George (DEQ) <krisztiang@michigan.gov>; Busch, Stephen (DEQ) <BUSCHS@michigan.gov>; Prysby, Mike (DEQ) <PRYSBYM@michigan.gov>; Shaler, Karen (DEQ) <SHALERK@michigan.gov>; Henry, Timothy <henry.timothy@epa.gov>; Deltoral, Miguel <deltoral.miguel@epa.gov>; Poy, Thomas <poy.thomas@epa.gov>; Schock, Michael <Schock.Michael@epa.gov>; Kempic, Jeffrey <Kempic.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Lytle, Darren <Lytle.Darren@epa.gov>
Cc: Shaler, Karen (DEQ) <SHALERK@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: After Action - Flint Task Force Discussion of School Sampling Event - Please call [PPI] Conf Code: [PPI]

Pursuant to our meeting today, you requested contact information regarding the modeling that was done for lead exposure by Michigan's Department of Human Health and Services. Below please find the contact information for Linda Dykema and Eden Wells. I would start with Linda Dykema, with any questions that you have.

Linda D. Dykema, Ph.D.

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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Kaplan, Robert [<mailto:kaplan.robert@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 1:58 PM

To: Kaplan, Robert; Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Shaler, Karen (DEQ); Henry, Timothy; Deltoral, Miguel; Poy, Thomas; Schock, Michael; Kempic, Jeffrey; Lytle, Darren

Cc: Cook, Pat (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ)

Subject: FW: After Action - Flint Task Force Discussion of School Sampling Event - Please call PPI Conf Code: PPI

When: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 1:30 PM-2:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Region 5 - Robert Kaplan's Office

Forwarding this meeting notice to place it on your calendars as Jim Sygo would like you to participate with him. Jim also wanted Pat Cook to participate, but he's unavailable. I've reserved the Great Lakes Conference Room for this call. Thanks.

Karen Shaler

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From: Kaplan, Robert [<mailto:kaplan.robert@epa.gov>]

Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 1:58 PM

To: Kaplan, Robert; Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Shaler, Karen (DEQ); Henry, Timothy; Deltoral, Miguel; Poy, Thomas; Schock, Michael; Kempic, Jeffrey; Lytle, Darren

Subject: After Action - Flint Task Force Discussion of School Sampling Event - Please call PPI Conf Code: PPI

When: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 12:30 PM-1:30 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

Where: Region 5 - Robert Kaplan's Office

Attendees:

Robert Kaplan
 Timothy Henry
 Miguel Deltoral
 Thomas Poy
 Michael Schock
 Jeffrey Kempic
 Darren Lytle
 Jim Sygo
 George Krisztian

Liane Shekter Smith
Steve Busch
Mike Prysby

From: James Taft <jtaft@asdwa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:58 AM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Cc: Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Butler, Sonya (DEQ); Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Discussion with Senator Stabenow's Office Regarding Flint

Thanks much for that update Richard -- it sounds like you've got some very good options in the works there.

Jim Taft
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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ) [mailto:BENZIER@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Taft, Jim <jtaft@asdwa.org>
Cc: Sygo, Jim (DEQ) <SygoJ@michigan.gov>; Butler, Sonya (DEQ) <BUTLERS2@michigan.gov>; Devereaux, Tracy Jo (DEQ) <DEVEREAUX@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: Discussion with Senator Stabenow's Office Regarding Flint

Jim,

I appreciate the heads up. In response to this situation, we are already drafting changes to our DWSRF authorizing state legislation to allow a community to fund the replacement of lead service lines on private property without having to assume responsibility for the portion installed in private property thereafter.

We have also sought and received (I believe) concurrence from our Region 5 EPA SRF contacts that lead service line replacements are eligible for green project designation, allowing them to qualify for some principal forgiveness.

Our SRF Section also attempted to provide Flint with a DWRF loan a few years ago for \$14 million dollars for much needed distribution system improvements (in addition to the \$30 to \$40 million in loans that have been provided for treatment plant improvements in the last decade or so). At that time, we offered the city 50% principle forgiveness using environmental justice and disadvantaged community considerations. Unfortunately, the city declined the DWRF loan because they said they didn't have \$7 million needed to pay back (over 30 years) that portion that would not be forgiven. They were in bankruptcy so it was understandable.

Richard

Richard Benzie, P.E., Chief
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 Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance, MDEQ
 517-284-6512

From: Taft, Jim [mailto:jtaft@asdwa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:27 AM

To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)

Subject: Discussion with Senator Stabenow's Office Regarding Flint

Good morning Richard --

I wanted to give you a quick heads up that I was contacted last week by an Aaron Suntag of Senator Stabenow's office regarding Flint. (It took a while to connect, as I was on travel in Pennsylvania.)

Mr. Suntag was searching for mechanisms, under the Safe Drinking Water Act, to quickly provide assistance and funding to the city of Flint. I said to him (to paraphrase): "Before you start, please know that our role at ASDWA is to support and assist, in whatever ways we can, our state drinking water programs. We are not the experts on the Flint situation -- they are. I strongly suggest that you first contact them [I gave your name as a point of contact] rather than ASDWA." In response, he said (again, to paraphrase) "yes -- I absolutely understand and appreciate what you're saying, but, due to current legal and political considerations, we don't feel that we can contact them just now. But, please let me run past you some ideas we have for helping Flint." That response was frankly mysterious to me and I really don't understand their inability/reluctance to contact your office.

He said that his office was exploring three possible vehicles for assistance to Flint:

1. A Hurricane Sandy-like stand-alone piece of legislation that would appropriate funds for Flint's use to address their problems. He acknowledged, however, that this would be a big "lift" since it wasn't really a comparable area-wide disaster type situation in Flint.
2. Use of the emergency order provisions of Section 1431 of the SDWA to justify the special appropriation of funds and to put in place orders to help Flint address their problems. He said that this was still a pretty sketchy approach that they hadn't really thought through fully.
3. Use of the disadvantaged loan provisions of the SRF to provide at least 30% in loan assistance to Flint.

My only commentary, on his three options, was to agree that it was hard for me to envision approaches #1 and #2 being successful. Regarding #3, I noted that, while the SDWA only allows up to 30% of the total cap grant for a given year to be used for disadvantaged loan subsidies, states can provide additional subsidization through their overall fund management, if they so choose. I noted that a state may also, if it chooses, use set-aside funds to help a community navigate through the application process and prepare projects. However, at this point, I stressed again the need to consult with you guys -- these are your prerogatives and your decisions.

The whole conversation took about 10 minutes; but, I wanted to be sure you were aware of this. Thanks Richard.

Jim Taft

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From: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 1:01 PM
To: Hall, Jean (GOV)
Cc: Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ); Bedan, Morgan (GOV)
Subject: RE: Request for DEQ Point of Contact Designation Letter Signed by Governor Snyder

The letter looks great, Jean. I'll be over to pick it up shortly. Thanks!

Karen

From: Hall, Jean (GOV)
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2015 12:55 PM
To: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Cc: Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ); Bedan, Morgan (GOV)
Subject: RE: Request for DEQ Point of Contact Designation Letter Signed by Governor Snyder

Hi Karen,

The attached letter is ready to be picked up at the Romney Building, 2nd FL Reception Desk. Please look it over and let me know if you have any questions.

Also, please let me know if you do not need the original. Thank you.

Jean Hall
 Executive Assistant
 Office of Strategic Policy
 Executive Office of Governor Rick Snyder
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 517-241-5493

From: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Hall, Jean (GOV) <hallj16@michigan.gov>
Cc: Sygo, Jim (DEQ) <SygoJ@michigan.gov>; Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ) <THELENM2@michigan.gov>
Subject: Request for DEQ Point of Contact Designation Letter Signed by Governor Snyder

Hi Jean,

Michigan needs to send a letter signed by Governor Rick Snyder to Susan Hedman, Regional Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, to designate a DEQ point of contact for the USEPA's Flint Safe Drinking Water Task Force.

Attached are: (1) a PDF of our Information Transmittal and Request for Governor's Action signed by Director Dan Wyant, along with a copy of its attached October 21 Flint Drinking Water Action Plan Update regarding the conference call with USEPA requesting a letter and USEPA's October 16 press release regarding the establishment of the Task Force (see yellow highlighted text in both

attachments); (2) a completed Governor Snyder - Signature Request Form; and (3) the Word version of the draft letter.

Please let me know when the letter is ready to be picked up. Thank you!

Karen Shaler, Management Assistant to
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Indiana News

NTN SITE UTILITY DESIGN CONTRACT OK'D

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
11/7/2015

The Anderson Redevelopment Commission approved design work for providing city services to the site of the new NTN Driveshaft plant. The work includes the design for extending water and sewer lines, which will help stabilize water pressure to the area. [Read more here.](#)

EDITORIAL: TOP 10 PRIORITIES FOR MAYOR-ELECT BRODERICK (Editorial)

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
11/8/2015

An editorial presents 10 highly important priorities for incoming Anderson Mayor Tom Broderick. These include continuing the momentum of economic development, cleaning up the city and developing infrastructure, and continuing downtown development. [Read more here.](#)

Louisiana News

ELIO MOTORS WILL DISPLAY CHEAPEST CAR CONCEPT AT LA AUTO SHOW

TheWeeklyDriver.com (Website)
11/6/2015

Elio Motors will introduce its fifth generation vehicle at the upcoming Los Angeles Auto Show. The company is touting the vehicle, called the P5, as the cheapest car in the United States. The current public relations material from Elio details the car will be available to the public in late 2016. However, the project has suffered many setbacks and changed public delivery dates several

times. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

UAW, FORD REACH DEAL; GM HITS SNAG

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

11/7/2015

Ford Motor Co. and the UAW reached a tentative agreement that is the richest among the Detroit three automakers, as ratification of the union's agreement with GM is delayed due to rejection from skilled trades workers. The proposed Ford deal includes a \$10,000 total signing bonus and \$9 billion in U.S. plant investments. [Read more here.](#)

YEAR BEFORE WATER CHANGE, STATE KNEW OF RISKS IN FLINT (Opinion)

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)

11/7/2015

Columnist Nancy Kaffer writes that state and local officials were aware in 2013 that water drawn from the Flint River required treatment to prevent subjecting the people of Flint to lead-contaminated drinking water, one year before the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved Flint's plan to pump water from the river without adding an important chemical that would prevent contamination from lead in old pipes. [Read more here.](#)

THIS WEEK, A NEW MAYOR TAKES OFFICE IN FLINT

Michigan Radio (Ann Arbor, MI)

11/8/2015

Karen Weaver will be sworn into office as Flint's first female mayor at noon on Monday. Under Weaver's administration, Flint will remain under control of a state oversight board. Decisions made by the city's elected leaders can still be overruled by the Receivership Transition Advisory Board. [Read more here.](#)

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HY-TECH MACHINING FILES SUIT AGAINST ANDERSON

Herald Bulleting (Anderson, IN)
11/9/15

The owners of Hy-Tech Machining Systems have filed a lawsuit seeking more than \$900,000 from the City of Anderson. The company alleges in the complaint that their business was damaged as a result of false and misleading statements during Anderson's effort to acquire the former Delco Remy Plant 18 site on Scatterfield Road through eminent domain. [Read more here.](#)

YOU SAID IT: ABOUT RESULTS OF ELECTION, STORE/BANK CLOSINGS, COLTS (Letters)

Herald Bulleting (Anderson, IN)
11/9/15

Reader comments are presented regarding Tom Broderick's defeat of incumbent Mayor Kevin Smith in the election and the closure of Target and Key Bank in Anderson. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

RUTH MOTT FOUNDATION TO FOCUS GIVING ON FLINT'S NORTH SIDE

Mlive.com (Website)
11/6/2015

The Ruth Mott Foundation says it will now use a targeted, place-based approach to philanthropy, focusing on Flint's north side. The strategy will involve residents in shaping solutions intended to strengthen their neighborhoods and to help them create and sustain opportunities to contribute and thrive. The average grant from the Ruth Mott Foundation is about \$50,000. [Read more here.](#)

STATE URGES WATER TESTS AT FLINT HOMES, BUSINESSES

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

11/10/15

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality says all homes, businesses and schools in Flint need to be tested for possible lead contamination, after tests from nearly 400 homes and businesses as well as comprehensive results from Freeman Elementary School indicate problems with lead are localized to individual buildings or even individual faucets. [Read more here.](#)

WEAVER TAKES OATH AS FLINT'S FIRST WOMAN MAYOR, PROMISES 'REAL CHANGE'

Mlive.com (Website)

11/9/2015

Karen Weaver was sworn in as Flint's first woman mayor on Monday. The new mayor said she will work to achieve the change she promised as a candidate, and residents will see her immediate priorities next week when she releases a plan for her first 100 days in office. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT'S NEW MAYOR WANTS TOTAL LOCAL CONTROL RESTORED

Michigan Radio (Ann Arbor, MI)

11/9/15

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver called on Governor Snyder to reinstate total local control in her city, hours after taking her oath of office. Flint's last emergency manager left in April, but the city remains under state oversight, with much of the local power controlled by a city administrator appointed by an emergency manager. There is also the Receivership Transition Advisory Board, which oversees Flint city government with the authority to overrule decisions by the mayor and City Council. [Read more here.](#)

WEAVER ADDRESSES FLINT CITY COUNCIL DURING FIRST MEETING AS MAYOR

NBC 25 News (Flint, MI)

11/10/15

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver addressed City Council in her first meeting as mayor. Weaver says she plans on meeting with City Administrator Natasha Henderson to talk about her options for bringing on her executive team. [Read more here.](#)

DEAR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS... (Editorial)

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, MI)

11/9/15

An editorial addressed to Lansing City Council discusses the city's priorities, including addressing

its financial challenges, pushing forward economic development and being ambassadors for Lansing. [Read more here.](#)

JOBS, PLANT INVESTMENT CORNERSTONE OF FORD-UAW CONTRACT

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)

11/9/15

The tentative agreement between the UAW and Ford contains \$9 billion in planned investment in U.S. plants, which creates or retains 8,500 jobs while allowing Ford to pursue its five-year product plan. Of that, \$4.8 billion goes to 11 facilities in Michigan. [Read more here.](#)

UAW EXPLORES WHY GM SKILLED TRADES REJECTED LABOR PACT

Autonews.com (Website)

11/9/15

The UAW said that the tentative agreement reached with GM has not been ratified despite winning 55 percent support by production and skilled-trades workers combined, because the UAW's constitution requires passage by both classes of workers for ratification. The union is holding meetings at GM plants to determine the reasons why nearly 60 percent of skilled-trades employees voted down the tentative contract. [Read more here.](#)

FORD-UAW DEAL RICHEST OF THE BIG THREE AUTOMAKERS

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

11/9/15

Industry analysts say the tentative labor pact between Ford Motor Co. and the UAW includes higher bonuses, richer buyout offers and more promised investments than labor pacts between the UAW and the other two Detroit automakers. It also avoids the hangups that stalled ratification of deals at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV and General Motors Co. [Read more here.](#)

New York News

NORTH COUNTRY ALUMINUM GIANT ALCOA TO LAY OFF 500 IN MASSENA AND SEAL ITS TOXINS IN RIVERBED

Times Union (Albany, NY)

11/9/15

The closure of the Alcoa aluminum smelting plant in Massena will leave behind property that includes 16 separate state Superfund pollution sites covering more than 230 acres. Most were tainted by PCBs, with one area containing a foot-thick layer of dense liquid PCBs capable of tainting groundwater all the way to bedrock. Eleven sites, including the plant's landfill, where many toxins cleaned from around the property over the years have been dumped, will require environmental monitoring indefinitely. A federally ordered, quarter-billion-dollar dredging project for more than seven miles of the nearby Grasse River, which flows into the St. Lawrence, is

expected to begin in late 2017 or early 2018. [Read more here.](#)

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FLINT CITY COUNCIL ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AFTER NEW MAYOR SWORN IN

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Flint City Council members voted 6-3 on Monday, Nov. 9, to elect their new president, Kerry Nelson, of the 3rd Ward. Nelson was appointed to the council in January 2015 to replace Bryant Noiden, who was elected county commissioner. [Read more here.](#)

EPA TO AUDIT MICHIGAN DRINKING WATER PROGRAM FOLLOWING FLINT LEAD CRISIS

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The U.S. EPA announced it will begin auditing Michigan's drinking water program in the wake of Flint's public health crisis over high levels of lead in Flint homes. The audit comes after requests for a federal investigation of Flint's water crisis by U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Flint, and state Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich, D-Flint. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT WATER CRISIS: KEY FIGURES: WHAT THEY KNEW, AND WHEN

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A visual guide presents a brief overview of some of the key individuals and organizations in Flint's water emergency and the subsequent push for answers. [Read more here.](#)

AUTO SALES OUTLOOK INCREASES PRODUCTION

Daily News (Bowling Green, KY)

11/10/15

The Center for Automotive Research predicts in 2016 that U.S. auto sales could expand beyond the previous peak at 17.2 million to a higher ground of 17.5 million. Chris Guthrie, president of Trace Die Cast Inc. in Bowling Green, KY, said that production at the local plant will be increased in December to meet projections for the first quarter of 2016. [Read more here.](#)

'ROSIE THE RIVETER' MUSICAL FOCUSES ON WILLOW RUN WORKERS OF WWII

WKAR (East Lansing, MI)

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Wild Swan Theater in Ann Arbor, MI is presenting a musical based on the life of Rosie the Riveter. A radio interview with cast members is presented. [Read more here.](#)

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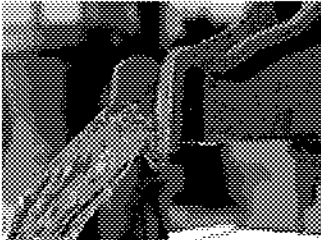
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Drinking Water

Flint Residents Sue City, State Over Lead in Water



BNA Snapshot

Michigan Water Lawsuit

Key Development: Flint, Mich., residents sue city and state officials, alleging they knew there were problems with lead in the drinking water system.

What's Next: The Natural Resources Defense Council announced its intent to sue Michigan Gov. Snyder and others over alleged violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

By Nora Macaiuso

Nov. 16 — A group of Flint, Mich., residents filed a federal lawsuit against Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) and state and city officials, claiming they knew city drinking water wasn't being properly treated after its source was switched, even as they made public statements that the water was safe (*Mays v. Snyder*, E.D. Mich., No. 15-14002, 11/13/15).

The lawsuit, which was filed Nov. 13 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and seeks class action status, claims officials switched the city's drinking water source from the Detroit water system to the Flint River as a money-saving move and delayed informing residents, even though they knew there were problems with the water supply.

The residents filing the lawsuit say they have experienced injuries including neurological disorders, skin lesions and hair loss, as well as loss of property value, because of the water. They cited e-mails obtained by researchers as evidence that risks and problems were known to officials at the time they made public statements assuring residents that the city's water supply was safe.

"For more than 18 months, state and local government officials ignored irrefutable evidence that the water pumped from the Flint River exposed the plaintiffs and plaintiff class to extreme toxicity, causing serious and dire injury and health hazards, and property damage, to the Flint water users," the lawsuit said.

A spokeswoman for the governor said the governor's office had not been served with the suit and declined to comment.

The Environmental Protection Agency announced an audit of the state's drinking water program, administered by the Department of Environmental Quality, after officials admitted they didn't follow proper sampling procedures after the 2014 switch (2015 WLPM 46, 11/19/15).

The admission came after researchers—who sampled residences and found high lead levels—released e-mails obtained under a Freedom of Information Act request that showed DEQ officials were aware the water wasn't being treated with phosphate, the preferred method for controlling corrosion, and weren't using proper sampling techniques (2015 WLPM 42, 10/22/15).

Among the plaintiffs are Melissa and Michael Mays and Keith and Jacqueline Pemberton, homeowners who say they experienced problems, including physical, neurological and psychological disorders, as a result of high lead and copper levels in their bloodstreams, brains, bones and other organs. They and others are suing on behalf of all those who were exposed to the water between April 25, 2014, and the present, a number in the tens of thousands, the suit says.

Due Process Violations Alleged

The suit alleges violation of the due process clause of the 14th Amendment, as officials "deliberately" replaced the residents' drinking water with "dangerous, unsafe and untreated (or inadequately treated) Flint River

water,” knowing that it “could and would” result in consequences including lead poisoning. “This conduct was culpable in the extreme,” the lawsuit says.

An attorney representing the residents, Michael Pitt of Pitt McGehee Palmer & Rivers P.C., said the officials' actions have injured the plaintiffs and damaged their property.

“Under constitutional principles, if the state creates the danger and takes affirmative action toward creating or enhancing the danger to the citizens, there's a due process violation,” Pitt told Bloomberg BNA Nov. 16. Because the suit alleges constitutional violations, the officials won't be able to claim governmental immunity, Pitt said. “Our expectation is that the state officials responsible for what happened, and some of the city officials, are going to be held accountable and that compensation will be made available to these people,” he said.

In addition to Snyder, the lawsuit names DEQ Director Dan Wyant; Liane Shekter Smith, former head of the department's drinking water office; department spokesman Brad Wurfel; other DEQ officials; Darnell Earley and Gerald Ambrose, the state-appointed emergency managers for Flint; former Mayor Dayne Walling; and city officials responsible for providing the state with information about the city's water system.

The lawsuit seeks an order certifying the case as a class action; an order declaring the defendants' conduct unconstitutional; an order of “equitable relief,” including property repairs, and the establishment of a medical monitoring fund and a court-appointed monitor for the city's water operations; and compensatory and punitive damages.

Pitt said he's looking for state and local officials to come up with “innovative ways” of compensating the residents, such as creating a fund to address their immediate needs.

“Many of our potential clients are not wealthy folks,” he said. “They don't have the financial resources to take care of what needs to be taken care of.”

NRDC Plans Suit

Meanwhile, Snyder, Wyant and members of a Flint advisory board face a separate lawsuit from the Natural Resources Defense Council. The environmental group, in conjunction with the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, Concerned Pastors for Social Action and Mays—one of the plaintiffs in the federal suit—announced its intent to sue under the Safe Drinking Water Act, alleging failure to control lead in the city's drinking water. The lawsuit wouldn't seek monetary damages but would request remedies like medical monitoring, oversight, replacement of lead service lines and “assurances that the city and state are in fact complying with the letter and spirit of the Safe Drinking Water Act,” NRDC attorney Anjali Waikar told Bloomberg BNA Nov. 16.

“The goal of this lawsuit really is to ensure we are holding the government accountable for what is an absolute and utter public health disaster,” Waikar said.

While the state has provided funds for a switch back to the Detroit system and the governor has appointed a task force to review the situation, “what we're trying to do is get to the heart of the matter, which is making government accountable under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the federal law designed precisely to ensure drinking water of citizens is protected,” she said.

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The Flint Water Crisis: A Panel Discussion
Wednesday, November 18

6:00-8:00pm, 303 International Center

Please join moderator **Dr. Sara Fingal** (History/Lyman Briggs, Michigan State University) and panelists **Dr. Jennifer Carrera** (Sociology/Environmental Science & Policy Program, Michigan State University), **Dr. Susan Masten** (Civil and Environmental Engineering, Michigan State University), **Melissa Mays** (Water You Fighting For?), and **Claire McClinton** (Democracy Defense League) for a discussion and audience Q&A on the Flint water crisis.

Following the Flint city government's decision to no longer source its water supply from Detroit, but rather pump its water supply from the Flint River without properly treating it, old pipes further corroded and lead levels dangerously spiked, contaminating the water of Flint residents, businesses, and schools. Now the EPA has been called in to investigate Flint's water contamination and has recently announced it will audit the entire state's drinking water program to "ensure that MDEQ maintains reliable drinking water supplies that meet all of the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act."

PANELISTS:

Sara Fingal specializes in environmental history, twentieth century U.S. history, the history of coastal zone management, water resources, environmental politics, policy, and planning, and U.S. social movements. Her work to date ties together urban and rural history with an analysis of landscapes and ecosystems that transcend municipal, state, and national boundaries throughout North America. She has extensive experience performing oral history interviews with former civil rights and environmental activists, state politicians, officials, and employees.

Jennifer Carrera is part of the campus-wide Global Water Initiative. Her area of research focuses on environmental justice issues of access to clean water and sanitation in low-income communities domestically and internationally. Her work examines the role of power and exclusion in the production of marginalized spaces and bodies, using water as a surrogate for mapping power.

Susan Masten's research involves the use of chemical oxidants for the remediation of soils, water, and leachates contaminated with hazardous organic chemicals. She has been working extensively to develop water treatment technologies that are more effective and suitable for use in decentralized water treatment systems. She is currently testing a few samples from Flint for disinfection byproducts.

Melissa Mays is a founder of the citizen advocacy group Water You Fighting For and is often quoted in articles and interviews on the ongoing Flint water crisis (www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/oct/04/flint-michigan-lead-water-children-health). In August 2015, WYFF distributed 300 test kits to households and worked with volunteer research scientists and grad students to get them tested in order to prove lead toxicity in the city water supply. She was among the petitioners to the EPA on October 1, 2015, urging them to take emergency action under the Safe Drinking Water Act in order to protect Flint residents from the toxic water conditions (www.nrdc.org/media/2015/151001a.asp).

Claire McClinton works extensively with Democracy Defense League and is often quoted in Michigan articles and interviews on the ongoing Flint water crisis. She was among the petitioners to the EPA on October 1, 2015, urging them to take emergency action under the Safe Drinking Water Act in order to protect Flint residents from the toxic water conditions (www.nrdc.org/media/2015/151001a.asp). She is also active with local and statewide community activities centered around exposing the dangers of the Emergency Manager law, and other organization affiliations include the Michigan Poverty Roundtable and Stand Up for Democracy.

This event is co-sponsored by the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), Gender Justice & Environmental Change (GJEC), Community Sustainability, and Lyman Briggs at MSU.

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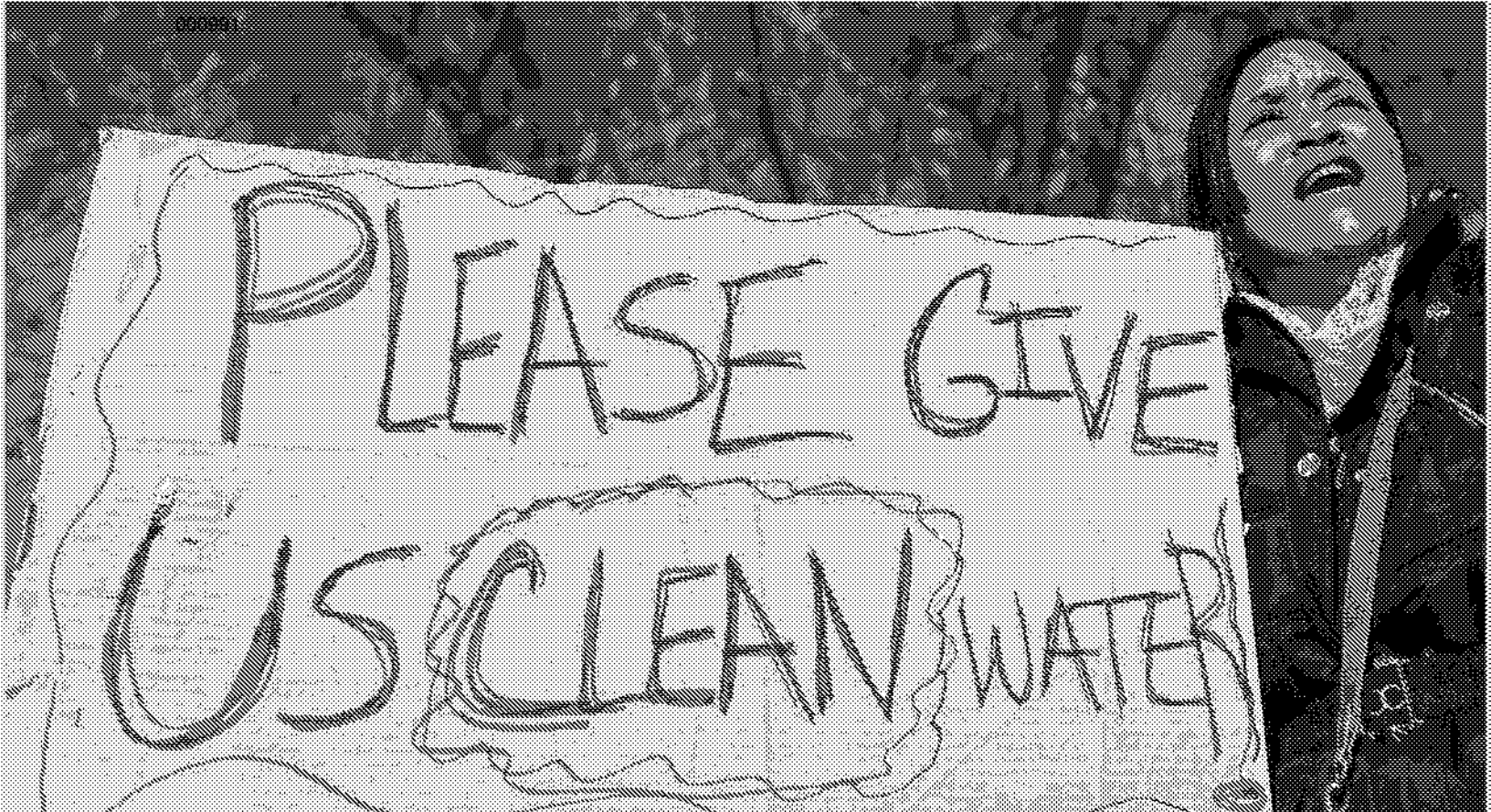
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FORD WORKERS IN KANSAS CITY REJECT UAW DEAL

PressChronicle.com (Website)

11/20/15

Ford's tentative four-year labor deal is in jeopardy as a majority the membership has rejected the pact with only two days of voting left, representing another potential setback for the UAW. With 75% of workers voting, the contract is failing by a 52-48% margin. It affects workers hired after 2007. [Read more here.](#)

GOVERNMENT EXPOSED FLINT RESIDENTS TO DANGEROUS LEAD LEVELS IN DRINKING WATER

LegalReader.com (Website)

11/19/15

Residents of Flint filed suit against the city and the state alleging that both entities put their health in danger. The claim states that the government exposed Flint residents to dangerous lead levels in drinking water. Residents are seeking class-action status for the suit, as well as compensatory and punitive damages, appointment of a monitor to oversee Flint's water supply and the creation of a medical monitoring fund. [Read more here.](#)

LOCAL OPPOSITION TO STRAIGHT-PARTY VOTING GROWS

Davison Index (Davison, MI)

11/19/15

A group of Michigan officials held a news conference to express their opposition to Senate Bill 13, which would eliminate the option of checking just one box on ballots to cast votes for all candidates from one political party. Approximately 40 percent of the ballots cast in Genesee County are straight-party, the majority of them Democratic. [Read more here.](#)

L. BROOKS PATTERSON: PUBLIC OPINION WILL LEAD TO STOP OF PONTIAC IMMIGRANT HOUSING PLANS

Macomb Daily (Macomb, MI)

11/19/15

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson acknowledged he does not have power to veto a planned project to house refugees from Syria and other countries in Pontiac, but hopes that he will succeed in shifting public opinion against the project. [Read more here.](#)

HOWES: MEMORY, FANTASY COLLIDE IN UAW CONTRACT DRAMA (Opinion)

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

11/20/15

Columnist Daniel Howes writes that UAW leaders fail to understand the power of social media in preventing members from ratifying contracts with automakers GM, Ford and FCA. Two-tier wages were introduced in 2007 as a way to maintain jobs for less pay. The elimination of the two-tier wage system will result in fewer jobs in the future. [Read more here.](#)

DAIMLER TO BRING MEDIUM ENGINE PRODUCTION TO DETROIT

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

11/20/15

Daimler Trucks plans to invest \$375 million to bring production of medium-duty engines to its manufacturing facility in the Detroit area. The complete power train includes the new transmission as well as a DD15 heavy-duty engine and axles already manufactured at the plant. Officials also announced an additional \$100 million investment to produce automated transmissions at Detroit Diesel Corp. in Redford Township. [Read more here.](#)

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I left a message for John O'Brien of Genesee County to call me back concerning all customers of KWA. I will let you know as soon as possible.

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Are any other municipalities going to the KWA as a source besides Flint and Genesee County.

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Far from Flint, lead remains an irreversible scourge

Lead poisoning rates have dropped dramatically in Michigan over the past decade. But in many cities and towns, child exposure rates far exceed those in Flint.

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Interactive map: Places with higher lead rates than Flint

Check out cities across Michigan with high lead exposure rates, as well as rates in your neighborhood

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Sink or swim: Higher education is key to Michigan's future

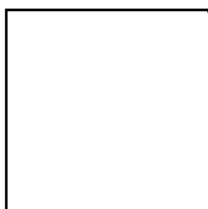
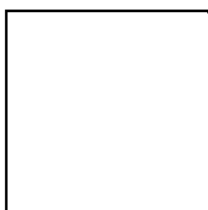
A new report by education, business, philanthropic and government leaders says Michigan's rise to an elite state depends on getting far more students to graduate from college or obtain a technical certificate after high school.

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INDUSTRY SHIFTING TO DRIVERLESS CARS AT DIFFERENT SPEEDS

InsideUnmannedSystems.com (Website)

12/10/15

While technology companies like Google are able to take a flexible approach to developing driverless cars, established carmakers are following a different route that uses a mix of drivers and automation. For example, Nissan has been gradually reducing some of the stressful aspects of driving a car through advanced "assisted driving" technologies. Some companies also do not yet feel there is strong customer demand for a fully autonomous car. Google is at an advantage because it does not have an existing car business to put at risk. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT WILL PAY FOR INDEPENDENT WATER TESTS, ADDED PHOSPHATE TREATMENT

Mlive.com (Website)

12/10/15

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver and City Administrator Natasha Henderson announced the city will spend up to \$75,000 to locate and test for lead in water in at least 150 homes and businesses served by lead service lines, which are most prone to leech lead into drinking water. The city has begun to boost the volume of phosphates in Flint water by adding more of the mineral once water arrives through the Detroit water system pipeline. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT FIGHTS LEAD IN DRINKING WATER BY ADDING MORE PHOSPHATES

Michigan Radio (Ann Arbor, MI)

12/10/15

Flint is adding phosphates to water it gets from Detroit to make it less corrosive by creating a biofilm within the city's pipes. Flint Utilities Administrator Mike Glasgow says it may take two to six

months before the city will see dramatic improvements to lead levels in the water. [Read more here.](#)

FORMER FLINT MAYOR WANTS FEDS TO PROBE LEAD IN WATER

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)

12/11/15

Former Flint Mayor James Sharp Jr. is calling for federal investigations into the Flint water crisis and a more comprehensive outreach effort to contact and test those who may have drank water containing unsafe levels of lead. Sharp is calling for similar measures as those implemented for victims of contaminated water in Camp Lejeune, NC, in the 1950s, after which officials created a database and passed legislation providing medical care to those who drank the Camp Lejeune water. [Read more here.](#)

Missouri News

BOULEVARD SELECTS SITE FOR NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Business Journal (Kansas City, MO)

12/10/15

Boulevard Brewing Co. announced that it entered into a long-term lease for a new distribution center in Kansas City that will give it three times more space. The 364,000 square-foot building is being constructed by NorthPoint Development in the Three Trails Industrial Park, which should be completed by spring. Boulevard leased half of the building, or 182,000 square feet. [Read more here.](#)

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Indiana News

WINKLER TO REMAIN IN CITY POST

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
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Mayor-elect Thomas Broderick Jr. announced several appointments Friday. Broderick increased the administrative staffs for the Anderson police and fire departments by 33 percent and retained Greg Winkler as director of economic development. [Read more here.](#)

KEN DE LA BASTIDE COLUMN: COUNCIL HAS NEW LOOK, TOUGH DECISIONS (Opinion)

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
12/20/15

Columnist Ken de la Bastide considers changes on the Anderson City Council and difficult decisions members will have to make, including appropriations for the City of Anderson Transit System and additional salaries in the fire and police departments. [Read more here.](#)

SPECIAL PROSECUTOR TO REVIEW RECENT VOTER FRAUD ALLEGATION

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
12/19/15

A special prosecutor will be asked to review a claim in Anderson that at least one voter's ballot was destroyed before the Nov. 3 general election. There were reports that at least one absentee ballot was being carried, or torn in two, in an assisted living complex. [Read more here.](#)

EDITORIAL: IBEW PACT PUTS NEW MAYOR,

NEW COUNCIL ON RIGHT TRACK (Editorial)

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)

12/18/15

An editorial says that Anderson's recent agreement with the IBEW will put Mayor-elect Tom Broderick on the right path for future contract negotiations with city firefighters and AFSCME. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

CLEANUP UNDERWAY AT OLD GM SITES

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, MI)

12/18/15

Environmental cleanup work is under way at three former GM sites owned by RACER Trust in Lansing Township and Lansing. RACER deputy cleanup manager David Favero said the cleanup work at the sites can accommodate redevelopment and would not create any potential problems for an "interested party" if it committed to a plan. [Read more here.](#)

UNLIKELY PARTNERS GET \$2B BLIGHT DEAL DONE IN CONGRESS

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)

12/19/15

U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Rep. Dan Kildee and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan worked with Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dan Gilbert, and Chase's Jamie Dimon to include Michigan's proposal to move \$2 billion of unused cash into the Hardest Hit Fund for blight eradication in the budget recently approved by Congress. [Read more here.](#)

LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS BACKS FLINT'S REQUEST FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY; GOVERNOR BALKS

Michigan Radio (Ann Arbor, MI)

12/18/15

Michigan's legislative black caucus is pressuring Gov. Rick Snyder to issue a state of emergency to address the continuing health concerns caused by the dangerous lead levels in Flint's water. Gov. Snyder says the situation may not fulfill the established criteria for a natural disaster declaration. Mayor Karen Weaver says the declaration is needed to potentially free up state and federal aid. [Read more here.](#)

GENESEE COUNTY CHAIRMAN SAYS HE CAN SEND FLINT DISASTER REQUEST TO GOVERNOR

Mlive.com (Website)

12/21/15

Genesee County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jamie Curtis says he is authorized to forward Flint's request for a disaster declaration to the governor and plans to meet with Mayor Karen Weaver about it next week. The mayor has said state and federal funds are needed to respond to health problems caused by lead in drinking water and to replace thousands of lead service lines in the city. [Read more here.](#)

MAYOR PINS FLINT'S HOPES ON WATER DISASTER DECLARATION

Mlive.com (Website)

12/20/15

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver says a disaster must be declared in Flint over the lead levels in drinking water to access needed federal and state funds. To reach President Obama, Weaver's disaster declaration must be approved by Genesee County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jamie Curtis, and both officials must determine that the disaster is beyond the capabilities of the city or county to handle. [Read more here.](#)

FIRST PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED ON WILLOW RUN BOMBER PLANT MUSEUM

WEMU (Ypsilanti, MI)

12/18/15

The Yankee Air Museum has finished the first phase of its effort to preserve part of the old Willow Run Bomber Plant. The museum could open to the public as early as mid 2018. [Read more here.](#)

New York News

LAW FIRM CLAIMS ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE OWES ALMOST \$3 MILLION BILL

Watertown Daily Times (Watertown, NY)

12/19/15

The East Syracuse law firm that represented the St. Lawrence County Local Government Task Force during a 10-year review of its 2002 relicensing agreement with the New York Power Authority for the St. Lawrence-FDR Power Project claims in a lawsuit that the task force is refusing to pay a nearly \$3 million legal bill. Massena Town Supervisor Joseph D. Gray said, "The task force does not believe we received the things promised by the Wladis Law Firm, nor do we agree with their calculation of the final bill." [Read more here.](#)

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Indiana News

ANDERSON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS \$1.2 MILLION LOAN TO WATER DEPARTMENT

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
12/28/15

The Anderson City Council recently approved a \$1.2 million loan to the city's water department to bridge the cash-flow gap over the next year. Anderson City Controller Jason Fenwick said at the Dec. 10 council meeting that the cash flow for the city's water department turned positive in October. [Read more here.](#)

NEW YEAR BRINGS PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES (Column)

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
12/27/15

Columnist Ken de la Bastide writes that 2016 will be "a crucial political year with the election of a new president [and] a gubernatorial election and county offices." He argues that the Anderson council and Mayor Broderick need to work on resolving the issue of traffic flow in the downtown area, with many businesses wanting the elimination of most one-way streets. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

WORK CONTINUES ON FLINT DISASTER DECLARATION

Michigan Radio (Ann Arbor, MI)
12/28/15

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver has been meeting with Genesee County officials to finalize a proposal that asks for help dealing with the city's water crisis. The Genesee County Commission is

expected to hear a presentation on Flint's emergency response plan January 4th. It will be up to the governor to decide whether to ask the federal government for help with Flint's water crisis. [Read more here.](#)

TROUBLED PONTIAC, MICH., TAPS INTERNS TO AUGMENT CITY HALL

Wall Street Journal (New York, NY)

12/24/15

Pontiac Mayor Deirdre Waterman has hired college interns to fill city positions eliminated by state-appointed emergency managers several years ago, when the city had its staff of more than 500 cut to 30. Pontiac and five other Michigan municipalities, including Flint and Benton Harbor, still are overseen by transition advisory boards appointed by the governor. [Read more here.](#)

RICK HAGLUND: MICHIGAN ECONOMIC FUTURE IS OPTIMISTIC (Column)

Mlive.com (Website)

12/27/15

Columnist Rick Haglund predicts that Michigan's six-year-long economic recovery should continue through 2016 as auto sales keep climbing and job growth maintains a healthy pace. However, he adds that major long-term challenges in improving the education of the workforce, boosting incomes and attracting new talent remain. [Read more here.](#)

MICHIGAN MUST GET SMARTER, OR IT WILL GET POORER (Op-Ed)

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, MI)

12/27/15

Daniel J. Hurley, CEO of the Michigan Association of State Universities, argues that Michigan needs to increase its educational attainment for high-paying jobs from 46 to 60 percent by 2025 to remain competitive in the knowledge economy. He says that this goal requires a commitment from the state to invest in higher education and post-secondary training, which currently contributes just \$4,834 per student. [Read more here.](#)

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Indiana News

EICKS NAMED INTERIM CITY CONTROLLER, WORKS BOARD CHAIRMAN

Herald Bulletin (Anderson, IN)
12/29/15

Anderson Mayor-elect Thomas Broderick Jr. announced the appointment of former City Councilman David Eicks as the city's next chairman of the Board of Public Works and interim city controller. [Read more here.](#)

Michigan News

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT SAYS FLINT WATER SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN CORROSION CONTROL

Mlive.com (Website)
12/28/15

The Office of State Auditor General wrote in a report that anti-corrosion measures should have been in place during Flint's transition from Detroit water to Flint River water. However, it adds that the DEQ should also have told Flint to start corrosion treatment after rising levels of lead were detected in the water. [Read more here.](#)

AUDITOR GENERAL FINDINGS SET OFF FLINT WATER DEBATE

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)
12/28/15

Findings compiled by Michigan's Office of the Auditor General have lead Sen. Jim Ananich and Rep. Sheldon Neeley to blame state environmental officials for Flint's contaminated water. Some critics believe state workers purposely misled the EPA over whether corrosion controls were in use, but the Auditor General's report states, "We have no specific reason to believe that DEQ willingly misrepresented the information to the EPA." [Read more here.](#)

MICHIGAN GOV. RICK SNYDER, LEGISLATIVE LEADERS NAME TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2015

Mlive.com (Website)

12/28/15

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder lists the continued economic recovery at the top of the state's accomplishments in 2015. Complete responses from Gov. Snyder as well as Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich, House Speaker Kevin Cotter and House Minority Leader Tim Greimel are presented. The state budget, school aid, and road funding are noted as other accomplishments for the year. [Read more here.](#)

FORMER BAY CITY SCRAPYARD COULD BE HOME TO NEXT BIG DEVELOPMENT

Mlive.com (Website)

12/28/15

The Bay City Commission approved an option agreement with RiversEdge Development Corp., a public-private nonprofit group, to purchase a 12-acre scrapyard property for \$1,000. Christopher Shannon, former Bay City mayor, said there have been some suggestions for a mixed-use development that could include a waterfront restaurant and housing, which would bring jobs and new business to the town. [Read more here.](#)

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From: Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 3:00 PM
To: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Subject: Re: Flint water

No worries. If you do get any calls about Flint, they're all going to the governor's office for now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 30, 2015, at 2:42 PM, Sygo, Jim (DEQ) <SygoJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

I might have accidentally picked it up in one of the threads

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 30, 2015, at 2:38 PM, Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ) <TommasuloK@michigan.gov> wrote:

This request is from last week, presumably for the story Paul ran on Christmas Eve. Did he send it again?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 30, 2015, at 2:36 PM, Sygo, Jim (DEQ) <SygoJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

Karen, do you want to to respond

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rosenthal, Adam (DEQ)"
<ROSENTHALA@michigan.gov>
Date: December 22, 2015 at 10:31:07 AM EST
To: "Sygo, Jim (DEQ)" <SygoJ@michigan.gov>, "Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)" <SHEKTERL@michigan.gov>, "Krisztian, George (DEQ)" <krisztiang@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: Flint water

fyi

From: Egan, Paul [<mailto:pegan@freepress.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 3:44 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Rosenthal, Adam (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Subject: Flint water

Hi Brad: I am working on an update/wrap-up on the Flint water issue. I have a few questions and I am hoping you can provide answers by the end of the day

Tuesday. I am also copying two DEQ officials referenced in the questions, in case they want to answer directly. The questions are based on e-mails obtained through FOIA by Virginia Tech researcher Marc Edwards, and by the Michigan ACLU.

1/ Have any DEQ officials been re-assigned or disciplined in relation to the Flint drinking water issue, other than Liane Shekter Smith?

2/ Why did Stephen Busch say in a Feb. 27 e-mail to the EPA that Flint had "an optimized corrosion control program" when in fact Flint had no corrosion control program?

3/ On June 25, Adam Rosenthal of the DEQ's Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance sent an e-mail about the water samples to Michael Glasgow, a utilities administrator with the City of Flint. "Just wanted to remind you/confirm that Flint is on track for a few items," Rosenthal wrote in the e-mail.

"We hope you have 61 more lead/copper samples collected and sent to the lab by 6/30/15, and that they are will be (sic) below the AL (action level) for lead," the e-mail said. "As of now with 39 results, Flint's 90th percentile is over the AL for lead."

Was Rosenthal encouraging Flint to collect samples that would be below the action level for lead? Many people are reading his e-mail that way. Is there any reason why I should not?

4/ Why was the DEQ strict in 2015 about disqualifying the sample with a high reading from the home of LeeAnne Walters, for the stated reason that she used a water filter, but not strict in disqualifying other samples for other reasons that could have been used, such as that they were not among the 100 homes that were sampled in 2014, or that they did not come from homes at high risk for lead (for example the homes on Flushing Road that had received a new water main in 2007?) Why is it that of the homes sampled in 2014, only homes that had tested below the AL for lead were sampled again in 2015 and none of the homes that had sampled above the AL for lead in 2014 were sampled again in 2015? Were the samples being cherry picked, as some have suggested?

5/ LeeAnne Walters says she never received a promised letter or email that was to follow up with her from the Aug. 4 meeting in Lansing with DEQ officials and aides

to the Governor. Was she ever sent the letter, which was to explain to her, among other items, why the sample from her home was disqualified?

Thanks,
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Michigan News

FLINT WATER REPORT PROMPTS APOLOGIES, RESIGNATIONS

Detroit News (Detroit, MI)
12/29/15

Michigan's top environmental official resigned Tuesday after an independent task force delivered its initial findings on the Flint water contamination crisis — conclusions that also prompted an apology from Gov. Rick Snyder. [Read more here.](#)

SNYDER APOLOGIZES, WYANT RESIGNS IN FLINT WATER CRISIS

Detroit Free Press (Detroit, MI)
12/29/15

Gov. Rick Snyder apologized to the City of Flint on Tuesday for the drinking water crisis that has left children poisoned by lead and announced that he accepted the resignation of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Director Dan Wyant. [Read more here.](#)

FLINT CITY COUNCILMAN JOSH FREEMAN SAYS HE WILL RESIGN, MOVE TO DAVISON

Mlive.com (Website)
12/29/15

Fourth Ward Flint City Councilman Josh Freeman resigned from his elected position, effective Dec. 31. Freeman says he made the decision to spend more time with his wife and four children who live in Davison, and because of the "circus atmosphere" in the city following the water crisis. [Read more here.](#)

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From: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 1:24 PM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Meeting Schedule

OK. Thanks.

From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 1:13 PM
To: Shaler, Karen (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Meeting Schedule

That's probably Adam.

From: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 1:10 PM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Meeting Schedule

...and who's Todd?

From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 1:05 PM
To: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Meeting Schedule

That's Kris Philip please.

From: Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Shaler, Karen (DEQ)
Cc: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Subject: Meeting Schedule

Please schedule a meeting for 2 hours to discuss status on a number of issues regarding the Flint water issues for Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Invite Liane, Steve, Mike, Richard, Todd, Christine, and George.

Agenda:

Status of lead service lines

Status of KWA and connection to Flint

Lead/Copper Compliance testing

School testing Protocol

Questions for Fridays meeting with Flint