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Sorry, I didn't realize you weren't cc'd on this email originally.

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From: Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 4:42 PM
To: repphelps@house.mi.gov
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Subject: Flint water

Dear Representative Phelps,
I apologize that recent attempts to connect with you via phone have not been successful. As I mentioned in our last phone conversation, I want to make sure you are provided complete access to the DEQ's records and files to get answers to any question you have on Flint, or any other DEQ program.

When the Department sent back your personal check included with your September 4, 2015, Freedom of Information Act request, it was because all state agencies make a practice of working directly with the state's elected officials to produce information and answer questions. The documentation we sent to you on September 30, 2015, was the best available response to your query, based on the wording of the request for "waivers, permits or applications to use the Flint River as a source for water and/or drinking water ...". The September 28, 2015, email from the DEQ FOIA coordinator was that office's procedural closing of the loop.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, more clearly explain the DEQ's Drinking Water Program policies and requirements, and help you develop questions or requests for information we can respond to. You have our standing commitment to provide you with whatever information we have to help you in your role as a community leader.

Please contact my office at the number below, and we will arrange a meeting at any time that works for you.

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