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Subject: RE: Media Contacts: City of Flint WTP

Dominic Adams, Flint Journal/Mlive called this morning with some follow up after last week.

He asked about when work would be completed.

- I indicated he would need to ask the City to see when their contractors would be done

Will the DEQ be back out prior to re-inspect?

- I indicated we would, once the City notifies us, but we have not been contacted yet.

What work needs to be done?

- Primarily the completion of reconstructing some disinfection equipment.
(While they are completing other work to soften the water using lime, this is not for public health protection, not a DEQ requirement for treatment)

When you inspected was the work done wrong and you asked for changes or just not done?

- Just not completed yet.

Should residents be concerned about this disinfection as part of treating the water?

- No. Flint water will be disinfected similar to how Detroit disinfects its water.

Does the DEQ need to complete sampling of the water before allowing Flint to start?

- The City of Flint has been provided with all of their monitoring requirements. The City maintains its own lab at the treatment plant to monitor water during operation. More complex monitoring which the City is not certified for analysis will be collected by the City and sent to either the state lab or a private lab for analysis according to the required schedule we have provided them.

Aside from the disinfection is there other work the City must get done to start the water treatment plant.?

- Startup of the treatment process will take several days to complete and the City has already begun this process.

I indicated that I'm sure the City of Flint will inform the media when it has started to provide

residents with water from its water treatment plant.

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I was contacted today by the following reporters:

- Stephanie Parkinson, NBC news 25 Flint
- Kevin Wilson, ABC news 12 Flint
- Dominic Adams, Flint Journal/MLive

I provided a statement to each late this afternoon that:

DEQ staff were in the City of Flint today (4/18) to check on construction progress of work being completed at the Flint water treatment plant. The construction work nearing completion but is not yet complete. The WTP has initialized some of its treatment systems, and this process will take several days to complete. As such the WTP is not yet serving water to residents.

Stephanie Parkinson had a few followup questions.

- Will the work be completed by Monday? I indicated the City would be best able to answer questions regarding the construction schedule, Monday does not appear likely but they did think construction would be completed by next week.
- Has the DEQ completed testing of the City water? The City maintains a lab that conducts most operational testing, and then the City is required to submit their results to the DEQ.
- What equipment is still under construction? Disinfection equipment is the main focus of the remaining work.

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