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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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