
From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 3:09 PM
To: Ryan Felton
Cc: Lasher, GERALYN (DCH)
Subject: RE: PRESS INQUIRY | The Guardian re: Flint

No, I'm saying that public health works on blood lead levels.

From: Ryan Felton [<mailto:ryanfelton13@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 2:55 PM
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OK. So are you declining to comment on behalf of DEQ?

On Wed, Sep 30, 2015 at 2:53 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

You might ask GERALYN Lasher at Dept. of Health and Human Services about this.

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From: Ryan Felton [<mailto:ryanfelton13@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 2:11 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
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Hi Brad,

Following up to see if I can expect a response later this afternoon. Thanks.

On Tue, Sep 29, 2015 at 3:48 PM, Ryan Felton <ryanfelton13@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Brad,

I'm working on a story for the Guardian about the recent studies that uncovered higher levels of lead in the blood of Flint children. I wanted to see if the department could answer some questions I had.

1. What's the department's official take on the study? Does it agree that higher levels of lead are in the city's water supply ever since it transferred from DWSD to the Flint River as its source?
2. Would you provide data that shows blood-level testing of Flint children for lead over the last few years? What does the data show, according to MDEQ? An upward or downward trend?
3. Does MDEQ believe the water in Flint is safe for residents to drink?
4. Does the department have any response to allegations that testing of lead in the city was skewed to produce favorable results, to show the city was actually in compliance with federal rules?
5. Please feel freed to add anything you believe it's pertinent to the story.

I can answer any questions here or at [734-353-2221](tel:734-353-2221). My deadline is 5 p.m. tomorrow (9/30).

Thanks much,

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