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Subject: RE: 2014 Communications planning

15 well improvement projects with a total related capacity of 4541 gpm (6.54 MGD).

The turnaround time averages for the total 770 permits:

Received to Issue = 16 days avg.

Admin. Complete to Issue = 11 days avg.

Stephen Busch, P.E.

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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 2:45 PM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Cc: Philip, Kris (DEQ)
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Mostly, but realize that information is only as good as staff chose to describe in their permits. Water main is tracked pretty well, but some permits are for multiple facilities or components that make it difficult to parse it into separate categories or query. We can only try it and see what we get. Kris could give you more info.

From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 2:40 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
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Can we do this? Is the information tracked in a format that would allow what you are suggesting?

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*** Effective August 12, 2013 my new number will be (517) 284-6543*

From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 11:02 AM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
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If we could quantify construction permitting for FY13, not just number of permits, but water main footage, tanks, wells, treatment facilities, it could help highlight our impact on economic development and the need for water service. If we also take into consideration our average permitting time, this would then also touch on our customer service effort.

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Cc: Bloemker, Jon (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Donaldson, Kristina (DEQ); Lachance, Amy (DEQ); Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)

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We do good work.

One thing missing from the list below was Chuck's note that one of our accomplishments should be that no serious public health problems arose in the public water supply program in the past year. However, it is difficult to quantify "nothing bad happened."

From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)

Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 4:54 PM

To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

Cc: Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Monosmith, Carrie (DEQ); Butler, Sonya (DEQ); Tetzlaff, Katherine (DEQ); Willard, Veronica (DEQ)

Subject: RE: 2014 Communications planning: NEED YOUR HELP

ODWMA came up with a few suggestions:

Stormwater Asset Management & Wastewater (SAW) Program

DEQ was able to plan and develop the new SAW Grant & Loan Program. Enacting legislation was signed on January 2, 2013. Applications for funding were available in October 2013. SAW will award \$97M in the first year.

Asset Management Training

Over 500 people attended Asset Management Training provided by the DEQ. The training was designed to provide relevant and timely information to drinking water and wastewater municipal systems.

The issuance of construction permits to the KWA for the installation of Lake Huron Intakes (south of Lexington) to provide water service to Genesee county and Flint.

Issue of construction permits to Bay County for the construction of a new WTP using the Saginaw-Midland Municipal Water System as a source (Lake Huron versus Saginaw Bay).

Successfully rolled out the new Stage II Disinfection By-Product Rule to District Systems, providing technical assistance in the form of draft sampling plans and personalized consultations to ensure that the new rule was implemented smoothly.

The Michigan Groundwater Management Tool (MGMT) is a software platform that was developed in a Joint Funding Agreement with Michigan State University. MGMT utilizes spatially compiled groundwater data and allows for the automated analysis of ground water flow. MGMT now allows us to provide delineations at no charge for the smaller community and non-community water systems. Most of these MGMT delineations closely parallel traditionally developed Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA's), which cost an average \$36,000. In fiscal year 2013, almost 1800 public water supplies had provisional delineations completed by the MGMT at no cost. The provisional delineations identify these WHPA's and are the first critical step in protecting drinking water sources.

A total of 2416 drinking water operators trained in DEQ or jointly sponsored training classes.

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Subject: 2014 Communications planning: NEED YOUR HELP

Importance: High

Greetings, all. We're moving toward a great 2014, where we will be doing more strategic communication and impactful storytelling.

As we prepare the departmental communications plan, I need your input. The Director has tasked me with collecting 2013 Accomplishments from each of the divisions and districts.

I don't need a book. Half a dozen of your top accomplishments on the year would be very helpful. One liner with a few sentences.

I need these by Dec. 6, in preparation for an off-site planning meeting Dec. 9.

If you have questions, please get in touch with me directly. THANK YOU, and happy holidays.

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