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Before the switch –

- 1.b. The city of Flint hired consultants to evaluate the ability to treat water from the Flint River. Their consultants produced a report entitled “Analysis of the Flint River as a Permanent Water Supply for the City of Flint” dated July 2011. DEQ received a copy of this report in March 2013. DEQ staff did meet with city officials and their consultants during 2013 to discuss needed water treatment plant upgrades based on the report.
2. The city operated the water treatment plant as a backup/emergency plant for many years. During this time, the plant was operated in test mode quarterly to ensure that it would function in an emergency and to demonstrate that it could produce safe drinking water . During these test runs, raw water and treated water were sampled for many parameters. An evaluation for corrosion control, however, was not completed.

After the switch –

6. On August 23, 2015 Dr. Edwards informed DEQ staff that he was initiating a study of Flint water quality issues to complement the sampling that was conducted by the city under the Lead and Copper Rule. Dr. Edwards’ study was performed after the notification by DEQ on August 17, 2015 to the City of Flint that the city is required to install corrosion control in accordance with the lead and copper rule requirements. The DEQ determination made following the regulatory protocol under the lead and copper rule and the study performed by Dr. Edwards reached similar conclusions.

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