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All –

Quite a bit of time this week was spent preparing for our in-service meeting next Thursday. Lots of details still to address, but it looks like our plans are coming together. Keep your fingers crossed everything goes smoothly!

We had a couple of interesting meetings this week regarding the City of Flint. One involved the Governor's Office, Treasury, DHHS (previously DCH), DEQ, and interested citizens from the area. We will continue working to address residents concerns as we work together with the City.

I had a chance this week to lay out our plans to convene a Director's Water Well Drilling and Well Construction Advisory Committee, as well as our plans to advance our proposed draft amendments to the Public Health Code regulating closed-loop geothermal wells. Both of these items have been on our to-do list for a while. Staff have been working hard to get the appropriate materials prepared for us to take the next steps.

And this week was the beginning of the QOL Leadership Academy. While this year ODWMA does not have any academy participants, we do have a few staff volunteering as mentors. The mentor-mentee matchups were held on Wednesday. I'm very pleased to see ODWMA staff participating as mentors and helping to sustain the leadership academy. I encourage those of you that have been considering participating in the academy but haven't taken the leap to apply to think seriously about applying next year. The academy is a great opportunity to learn about the QOL agencies; how government works; to network with peers; and to have experiences available to you that are otherwise not as easy to access. My two cents.

Have a good weekend! See you (or most of you) Thursday!

Liane