

From: [Graham, Lois \(DEQ\)](#)
To: [Thomas, Chuck \(DEQ\)](#)
Cc: [Benzie, Richard \(DEQ\)](#)
Subject: RE: Flint area elementary school sampling
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:52:29 AM

Thanks for your support. So far I am OK, but will have some conflicts with weekends occasionally for however long this project lasts. I have the Flint project code and it is working for me this time period. Kirsten Gasper will fix last week's pay period when DCDS didn't like the project code.

I would like clarification for when personal mileage begins (my house to the park & ride, or my house to Flint, etc; or as if I was coming from the office in downtown Lansing).

Jim Sygo directed us to take a lunch each weekend day worked and make the day end after 2 pm to get the reimbursement if we didn't work past it. This weekend it is one team per building (2 buildings to be sampled) so we expect a full 6 hours of sampling plus travel.

I am thinking about taking a mid-week day off if this gets to be too much.

--Lois

From: Thomas, Chuck (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 10:44 AM
To: Graham, Lois (DEQ)
Cc: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Flint area elementary school sampling

Lois,

I hope the experience is valuable, and I applaud your willingness to do this extra work. As far as your schedule goes, if you feel you need extra time in order to complete your normal tasks along with this extra Flint work, please feel free to work your full normal schedule in addition to the extra hours for sampling efforts in Flint, and claim comp time earned.

Also, please make sure you are being properly compensated for your expenses by keeping track of any personal car use mileage and keeping receipts for meals – charge to the Flint code once it is active for you and submit the TEVs at least monthly.

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From: Graham, Lois (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 9:11 AM
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Subject: FW: Flint area elementary school sampling

I can see the video clearly from home, but here at the office it starts OK then within seconds most of the screen goes into a 'white out'. Anyway, our exec office clearly stated that no faces were to be shown, so they got my hand and black sleeve of my arm, or my back. Meanwhile, George Krisztian and Tracy Devereaux's faces were shown, and there were a couple shots of Jim Sygo as timer.

Jim Sygo acted as our timer so when he entered the room, each team knew it was their turn to start the sampling process. George called a team meeting for 10 am today as an after action review. I learned that I will probably be on the team for the next several weeks that could involve an adjusted work schedule during the week (collecting samples before school begins), Saturdays and Sundays or some combination.

We had 3 teams of 2 people each with 1 floating person as timer. Jim Sygo thought we could reduce the teams to two 2-person teams with 1 timer for a total of 5 staff per school. I will find out more later this week.

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To: Graham, Lois (DEQ)
Subject: Flint area elementary school sampling

<http://www.abc12.com/home/headlines/State-begins-extensive-testing-of-water-plumbing-inside-Flint-Community-Schools-336669641.html>

just a follow up prior article about announcing the testing

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/10/13/lead-water-flint-michigan-testing/73871480/>