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To: [Shekter Smith, Liane \(DEQ\)](#); [Benzie, Richard \(DEQ\)](#)
Subject: RE: Flint water update
Date: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:12:55 AM

We are finishing a draft VN and should have it ready by tomorrow for Exec review.

I think the response below is probably simple enough. Results from the latest quarterly round of sampling show TTHM levels below 80 ppb at 7 of 8 sites.

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From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 9:51 AM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Flint water update

Steve/Richard – I spoke with Randy this morning. I offered to review and provide comments on a summary that he drafted for his management. My suggested changes are in the paragraph below. It's important to keep it simple. Any other comments?

- The DEQ met with Flint officials last month. The City prepared an operational plan to reduce the formation of disinfection by-products. They have exceeded the standard which is primarily the result of using water from a different source, namely the Flint River. This is anticipated to be mitigated once the City begins using Lake Huron water from the Karagondi pipeline. A DEQ violation notice will go out next week which will require the city to issue a public notice. The DEQ Director plans to notify legislative members from the Flint area. In conclusion, the DEQ has seen a reduction in the numbers because of operational changes and the cooler weather. The violation is expected to continue for a while because it takes time to resolve this problem.

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From: Byrne, Randall (Treasury)
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 9:16 AM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)

Subject: Flint water update

Liane:

Please review this draft on the Flint water issue and make any changes that will clarify this statement:

- The DEQ met with Flint officials last month. The City prepared an operational plan to reduce the disinfection by-product. They have exceeded the standard which is a result of using water from a different source, namely the Flint River. This will be gone once the City begins using Lake Huron water from the Karagondi pipeline. A DEQ violation notice will go out next week which will be a public notice. The DEQ Director will notify legislative members from the Flint area. In conclusion, the DEQ has seen a reduction in the numbers because of the cooler weather. The violation will continue for a while because it takes time to resolve this problem.

Thanks, once again for your assistance,
Randy,

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Thank you.