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To: [Prysby, Mike \(DEQ\)](#)
Cc: [Busch, Stephen \(DEQ\)](#); [Shekter Smith, Liane \(DEQ\)](#)
Subject: RE: ABC12 News Flint water test results comment?
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 5:32:00 PM

Did you get a response from Brad?

I am not sure what would be necessary to exempt the results sent to us from a FOIA request. However, we have 5 days to respond to FOIA requests, and we can ask for 5 more days (or longer in some cases), so it shouldn't be a problem to say we won't release the results before they do.

From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:38 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Subject: FW: ABC12 News Flint water test results comment?

Brad,

The reporter from ABC12 has provided me the answers to the questions I asked pertaining to the TTHM samples he collected (however...not the actual results) ...Before the results are provided to us, Larry wants us to agree not to release the results till their embargo time...this coming Friday....can we guarantee that? Besides that, I am comfortable in assisting you with the preparation of our comments back to ABC12.

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From: Elliott, Larry F. [<mailto:larry.f.elliott@abc12.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:01 PM
To: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Subject: RE: ABC12 News Flint water test results comment?

Mike..

In answer to your questions below:

1.Our sampling was done at 4 locations within the Flint city water system on Tuesday, January 20th, between 10:40am for our first location and 3:40 pm for our last location. They were not the same sites used for Flint's stage 2 DDBP monitoring.

2. I collected the samples after receiving instruction from our the independent certified testing lab we used. City certified operators did not collect or oversee the collection of our samples.

3. Sampling protocol: Run tap for 1-2 minutes.

Samples were collected in a 40 ml VOA vial with sodium thiosulfate as a dechlorinating agent. Samples were collected with zero head space. VOC's used 40 ml VOA with ascorbic acid then adding hydrochloric acid with zero head space. All other tests were MDPE containers except bacteria samples were in specific BACTI containers.

4. Lab used was Water Tech in Howell, ID#0023

5. Method used is EPA524.2 (see above for sampling unit) or as specified on the report.

Please let me know if you can comment on our results. **I would only provide them to you with the agreement that keep them completely confidential and not release them to anyone before our embargo time of Friday, January 30th at 7 AM.**

Larry

From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ) [<mailto:PRYSBYM@michigan.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 10:00 AM

To: Elliott, Larry F.

Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Rosenthal, Adam (DEQ)

Subject: RE: ABC12 News Flint water test results comment?

Larry,

We are willing to review the TTHM results of all samples collected within the Flint water system for a limited assessment of the data. Please include the following information with the sample results:

1. Sampling location /time – was Flint's Stage 2 DDBP monitoring plan sites used?
2. Who collected the samples? Did city certified operators collect the samples or oversee the sample collection?
3. Sampling protocol (method)
4. Certified lab used
5. Lab method used & proper sampling unit

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From: Elliott, Larry F. [<mailto:larry.f.elliott@abc12.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 7:48 AM
To: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Subject: ABC12 News Flint water test results comment?

Mike,

We have just completed our own independent testing of multiple sites within the Flint water system and wonder if you'd be willing to look them over and give us your professional opinion.

I could email you the reports from the testing lab we used.

Larry Elliott

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