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Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Green, Kelly (DEQ); Muliott, Ann Marie (Treasury); Barton, John (Treasury)
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Butler, Sonya (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Flint water question CORRECTION

Answered. Thanks, all!
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Can either of you answer the question on Flint's outstanding DWRP loan balance? Sonya may have it due to recent discussions however I think she may be tied up in a meeting and the reporter was looking for an answer by 4pm.

Thanks!

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You will need to ask DWRP staff we don't track that in the District. Be sure to denote that this would only be for State Drinking Water Loans.

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What does Flint owe on its existing loans?

Sent from my iPhone

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Brad,
 Thanks for the follow-up on this. Do you know, by chance, how much the city of Flint owes for existing loans? Are there multiple loans?

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Chad,
 Just walked out of a meeting where this was discussed (among other things), so let me correct myself:

DEQ cannot do forgiveness of existing loans (that would require EPA approval).
 We CAN do loan forgiveness at some level on NEW loans, and we are discussing this possibility with the City of Flint.

At a meeting between Director Wyant and the new mayor yesterday, and again at our regular weekly meeting with Flint officials today, this issue was on the agenda, and DEQ is open to it.

We've asked the city for some documentation that is key to this conversation -- a reliability study, a needs survey, and asset management plan, and the city's capital improvement plan.

Bottom line, however, is that the Governor's plan calls for long-term address of the lead issue that includes removal of lead service lines, and we're already in discussions with city officials about how to fulfill that commitment.

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Subject: Flint water question

Dave & Brad,

Congressman Kildee was on Off The Record today and in the overtime segment said he has asked Gov. Snyder to commit to establishing a fund to pay for the health care needs of some 7,000 Flint children who may have been exposed to lead in the water. The congressman said he wants to see it include tracking these children's health and nutrition to ensure they're getting the right care to help mitigate the long-term effect of lead in their bloodstream.

Is this something DEQ or the governor are considering?

Also, something directly for Brad: Kildee said he wants to see DEQ let Flint use a federally-funded revolving loan fund to replace private service lines in the city through forgivable loans. Is that being considered?

I'm writing about this today. Really need a response by 4 p.m., if possible.

-Chad

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