
From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Michigan Radio interview request: pre-flushing recommendations

Can you give me a quick call on this?

From: Rebecca Williams [<mailto:rmwillia@umich.edu>]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 4:49 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Re: Michigan Radio interview request: pre-flushing recommendations

Hi,

Ok, thanks - I'll be putting the feature together on Monday, so if you are able to line someone up Monday morning, that'd be great.

Short of that - would you be able to answer a couple questions by email?

*What's the reasoning behind DEQ recommending the pre-flush? EPA doesn't prohibit it, but EPA just told us they don't consider it a best practice, and others argue it can skew water tests for lead.

*Do you know whether most cities in Michigan follow the DEQ's pre-flush recommendations for water testing?

*Marc Edwards has pointed to a FOIAed document that notes the DEQ's recommendations for the length of pre-flushing have increased from about a minute and a half in 1997 up to 5 minutes now. Why is that the case?

thanks!
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On Fri, Nov 13, 2015 at 9:42 AM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Haven't got anyone readily available for an interview.

We're reviewing the testing protocol as part of our internal review. When we've got something to announce, I'll let you know.

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From: Rebecca Williams [mailto:rmwillia@umich.edu]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Michigan Radio interview request: pre-flushing recommendations

Hi Brad and Karen,

I'm working on a couple of stories (news spots and a feature) about the debate around water testing for lead and the pre-flushing recommendations DEQ outlines for cities to use for these water tests.

Could you arrange a short taped phone interview for me for tomorrow with someone at DEQ who can talk about this?

Anytime after 10am would be great.

Thanks!

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