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Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 12:30 PM
To: Krisztian, George (DEQ)
Cc: Lundy, Gregg (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Detroit News article about lead testing (follow-up)

The City of Flint is simply providing bottles and instructions and collecting the samples and then sending it to a certified lab for analysis. The City pays the lab, but is not charging the resident.

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I'm not sure if this really matters but I checked the Lab certification database and the city of Flint does not appear to be certified for the analysis of lead. Since they are not charging for the test this might not be that big of an issue but typically Gregg requires that Labs that analyze samples for parameters outside of the scope of the certification indicate on the report that the results are for informational purposes only.

I have copied Gregg on this e-mail in case you would like to discuss this with him further.

George

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I thought I had included you, not Susan when I hit reply.

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Subject: RE: Detroit News article about lead testing

George,

Sorry about the confusion. While we have said all along that the City of Flint has indicated that they are willing to test customer water for lead, the media doesn't appear to have carried the message through in their article. You can inform Flint customers that they can contact the Flint Water Treatment Plant at 810-787-6537.

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Subject: RE: Detroit News article about lead testing

I talked to Richard Benzie. He said that the City of Flint is providing free lead testing. Steve Busch or Mike Prysby might have a phone number or more info that you can pass on.

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Subject: Detroit News article about lead testing
Importance: High

Hi Bob and Sue,

You may want to read the following article:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/09/24/flint-plans-advisory-curbing-exposure-lead/72725736/>

The most pertinent part is:

“State regulators insist the water is safe, although they’re urging anyone with concerns to have their water tested for free.”

As you can imagine we have been getting quite a few calls about the “Free lead testing” that we provide. We have been informing callers that the article got it wrong and that we are a fee based service. People have been irritated with us but there is nothing that we can do about the situation. I just want to give you the heads up in case someone complains to their legislator about the Lab.

Please note that the article does not even mention the DEQ Lab or the Lab that is offering this “free service”.

Brad is mentioned in the article and he probably should be made aware of the situation. What is the best way to do that?

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