

From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
To: [Pallone, Maggie \(DEQ\)](#)
Cc: [Busch, Stephen \(DEQ\)](#)
Subject: RE: Kildee Letter DRAFT
Date: Thursday, October 01, 2015 7:17:00 PM

We asked Flint to accelerate the installation of OCCT when the Lansing District Office notified them this past August of the 11 ppb Lead Action Level in their second round of monitoring. At that time, we thought the end of the calendar year was sufficient, as the regulatory framework allowed up to two years to study their options, select a treatment method, obtain a construction permit, and install it. We suggested and the city agreed to accelerate this process in the interest of public relations and public health.

The decision to accelerate it to the end of October was again made recently at our suggestion and in consultation with Region 5 EPA.

The decision to accelerate it even more so (ASAP) was made today by Susan Headman of Region 5, and seconded by others in the room. So if you want to give EPA credit for the latest attempt to accelerate this effort even further, it would not be wrong.

But this latest suggestion of moving even faster did raise a concern in my mind that it may appear to some that the Technical Advisory Committee was being somewhat circumvented. It may sound like there has been a predetermination that the best if not only solution is using orthophosphate – instead of waiting for the committee to make a recommendation. So we may want to phrase this action item in a manner that says the city will be initiating OCCT as quickly as possible after receiving recommendations from the Advisory Committee. We could also suggest they reverse the order of these two action items to show that the TAW is meeting and then the city will be accelerating their OCCT. Just my 2 cents.

Richard

From: Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 6:55 PM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
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What about on the request to the Feds? #4 deals with following through the workgroup recommendations.

Thanks
Maggie

On Oct 1, 2015, at 6:48 PM, Benzie, Richard (DEQ) <BENZIER@michigan.gov> wrote:

I would use this phrasing, “Begin optimizing corrosion control treatment in the Flint drinking water system,” realizing that this additional treatment won’t begin until sometime in October (hopefully).

You could also say, “Accelerate implementation of optimal corrosion control treatment in the Flint drinking water system.”

From: Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:20 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
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Steve or Richard, please see the attached letter. Is that the correct wording for request #4?

Thanks,
Maggie

From: Brown, Eric (GOV)
Sent: Thursday, October 1, 2015 5:16 PM
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Nick & Dan:

Please take a look at the attached draft letter to Congressman Kildee, particularly the 4 requests for federal action. Please edit/add as necessary. Thanks for your quick attention to this – we need to have this ready for the Governor’s signature by 8:30am tomorrow. Sorry for the tight turnaround.

--Eric

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