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Subject: RE: Media conference call re: Flint water action plan
Date: Friday, October 02, 2015 9:39:00 AM
Attachments: [Public Health Code Summary of Authority and Actions.pdf](#)

I am not well versed on this matter as we have no prior history of such an event impacting a community public water system.

The attached document was received by our Noncommunity Public Water Supply program manager (Dana DeBruyn) at a presentation given by Deborah Garcia, Public Health Administrative Law Specialist who works in the Office of Legal Affairs and FOIA, formerly in DCH, now DHHS.

It seems like the authority used by Genesee County falls under the first Action of Imminent Danger Order. The fourth bullet implies that the Director (of DHHS?) may take full charge of the situation including the oversight of local health laws, rules, regulations and ordinances. It doesn't appear to place any particular onus or responsibility on the DEQ Director. Perhaps we need legal advice.

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From: Pallone, Maggie (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, October 02, 2015 6:13 AM
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In light of the possible topics Director will need a clear understanding of what the Genesee county health emergency declaration means? Is there ANY role the DEQ may have?

Thanks
 Maggie

Begin forwarded message:

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Hi all –

Per conversations today, here are the details for Friday's embargoed media conference call.

Given some of the changing information, we added in a quick pre-brief with the Governor from 11 to 11:10 a.m. to give us a chance to go over any last details and finalize flow. This will be followed by the actual media conf. call from 11:15 to 11:40 a.m. Know that folks will be needing to head to Flint immediately afterward.

Sounds like we'll have Dan, Nick and Dr. Wells in person. That's great and will work best when most everyone is in the same room. The location is Romney Building, 1st floor communications conference room. The governor will be joining us from phone.

We'll need to be fairly quick in overview and framing comments so we can get to as many Qs as possible.

Please let me know if anyone has any Qs, concerns or needs anything else at all. Or if you'd like a listen only line for anyone back in the depts. to catch the call.

Otherwise, see you in the Romney by 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Thanks so much!

SW

p.s. Also attached key documents as stand right now – release, 2 infographics and the high level points.

Agenda:

11:15-11:16 AM	SW intro; sets parameters; introduces other participants; turns over to Governor for opening remarks
11:16-11:20 AM	Governor gives opening remarks; highlights reason for state action; introduces Director Wyant
11:20-11:24 AM	Director Wyant remarks; highlights key steps in the action plan; introduces Director Lyon
11:24-11:27 AM	Director Lyon remarks; highlights key health components of the plan and mentions Dr. Wells; turns back to Governor
11:27-11:37 AM	Governor opens it up for Q&A
11:37-11:39 AM	Governor closing remarks
11:39-11:40 AM	SW wraps up call; reminds reporters of embargo, 1:30 p.m. press

conference, and how to get a hold of everyone

Possible Topics:

Flint water action plan

Lead in Flint water

Handling of Flint water issue

Genesee Co. health emergency action

ACLU action

Hurley data

Reconnecting Flint to Detroit water

Media invited:

Flint area media (print, TV and radio) – Flint Journal/Ron Fonger; WJRT TV 12, WNEM TV 5, WEYI TV 25, WFNT Radio

Associated Press – Ed White

Detroit News – Jim Lynch

Detroit Free Press – Nancy Kaffer, Kristi Tanner & Kathy Gray

Michigan Radio – Steve Carmody