
From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 10:21 PM
To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Cc: Anderson, Madhu (DEQ); Pallone, Maggie (DEQ); Epkey, Amy (DEQ); McCauley, Sara (GOV)
Subject: Re: Flint

I'm not sure what Dennis is receiving. Is he referring to the EPA samples on one home?

As a requirement for the change in water supply sources, 100+ homes are picked and tested in each of two statutorily required sampling exercises. To meet the standard for lead and copper, 90% must pass each round. I believe three homes in the December tests were high, and of the 70 tests we had processed from the Jan - June testing, 5 were high. Busch seemed confident they will meet the standard.

We aren't talking about lead in the water supply here. We are talking about people with lead in their premise plumbing -- old lead connection pipes between their homes and the city pipes, folks with lead pipes in their homes, or folks with old copper pipes sweated together with lead solder.

The reason testing is done is to ensure that the Ph of the water is not reacting with lead in premise plumbing. If less than 10 percent of the served population is experiencing the problem, the system is in compliance with the federal standard.

What of the folks who test high? The city contacts them to let them know they have elevated levels and should get a plumber to check and replace their lead transmission hardware.

The ACLU's fear campaign on this issue is an embarrassment.

It would help perhaps to get a fresh briefing from Steve Busch with final numbers from the recent testing. And then maybe clarification about what the chief wants us to do. The options are not many.
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On Jul 22, 2015, at 3:07 PM, Wyant, Dan (DEQ) <WyantD@michigan.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Muchmore, Dennis (GOV)" <muchmored@michigan.gov>
Date: July 22, 2015 at 3:04:51 PM EDT
To: "Wyant, Dan (DEQ)" <WyantD@michigan.gov>
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Subject: Flint

I'm frustrated by the water issue in Flint. I really don't think people are getting the benefit of the doubt. Now they are concerned and rightfully so about the lead level studies they are receiving from the DEQ samples. Can you take a moment out of your impossible schedule to personally take a look at this? These folks are scared and worried about the health impacts and they are basically getting blown off by us (as a state we're just not sympathizing with their plight).