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Well, here's the request from Flint Journal for today.
 Working on responses. Call me if you would like to discuss any of this.
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From: Ronald Fonger [<mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com>]
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Brad:

I'm wrapping up a story on the lead issue that includes a comment from Howard Croft, Flint's DPW director. He said the city did not act sooner on an optimization plan because it was acting on advice from the DEQ. He said the city was aware of the issue of corrosion control as it began to use the Flint River but followed the guidance of DEQ.

Do you want to comment on why Flint officials were given that advice – or did it not happen that way? Croft did say one concern about adding phosphates, for example, was that it could make the problem with bacteria in the water worse.

Also, do you want to comment on this statement from Marc Edwards:

"We have provided that information (about lead in water), and MDEQ did not," Edwards said. "In the days ahead, we will be exposing just some of the irresponsible actions of MDEQ relative to the lead sampling in Flint -- these actions are not consistent with federal law."

Finally, after I finish that story, I am starting work on another, based on the letter that I've attached from Flint's state legislative delegation to the DEQ.

Do you want to comment on that?

I need a response on the first questions first as I expect that story to post this afternoon but I will update it with your response as soon as I get it.

Call me if it's easier.

Thanks,

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