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Subject: RE: Legislative call

Thanks Linda.

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Geralyn,

I'm not aware of a specific policy or process, but the Division of Environmental Health has at times recommended that the Director issue a "health advisory" to alert the public of a potential hazard. In each case, we have based this recommendation on data regarding levels of chemical contaminants in environmental media, wild game, or sport caught fish. We've also twice recommended that the Director make a finding of imminent and substantial hazard when the available information suggests that a chemical storage facility presented a fire or explosive risk.

When the issue of lead in city of Flint drinking water first came to my attention, I contacted the DEQ Drinking Water Program and then provided a summary of my conversation with DEQ staff (please see the attached e-mail from July 23, 2015). I've recently reviewed a written response drafted by DEQ staff to Congressman Dan Kildee that suggests none of the information summarized in my e-mail has changed.

We're continuing to follow the situation and have discussed with the DEQ some options for a public outreach effort. We're having a call tomorrow with the DEQ and Genesee county staff to further explore the options.

Let me know if I can provide any further information.

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Importance: High

Nancy and Linda - We have gotten a call from legislative offices asking us to declare a "Health advisory" in Flint due to what they believe are high levels of lead in the water system so that the WPC program can then pay for bottled water and ready to feed formula for people in the Flint area.

We are fairly certain there is an actual process to handle these types of requests and the department wouldn't just decree a health advisory if the data didn't support it but can you help educate us on where we stand on this issue.

Thank you-eg