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This is the content of the response letter, we are working on future activities section of the letter.

- The Michigan WIC Program is committed to providing appropriate nutrition assessment, nutrition counseling, referrals and supplemental foods to its participants statewide.
- Michigan WIC became aware of the water safety concerns in Flint, Michigan in late September. In response, communications were initiated with the local WIC agency at the Genesee County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Health and Human (MDHHS) Services Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, the USDA Midwest Regional WIC Office, and Mead Johnson Nutrition (manufacturer/contractor for Michigan WIC infant formula) among others.
- As noted in your letter, WIC participants in the affected Flint city zip codes are assessed for safe water during the WIC screening and assessment process, and are provided an option to receive RTF formula. In addition, the local WIC agency has been provided with water filters for distribution to participants residing in the affected area.
- WIC participants are referred to the local health department for blood lead testing and are provided nutrition education on mitigating lead absorption through a healthy diet.
- In addition to the measures noted above, the State WIC agency has developed and supplied the local agency with a nutritional flyer for use with clients provided RTF formula (regarding instructions for proper preparation) and has helped to review and refine client education materials in conjunction with the MDHHS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Agency.
- Additional actions to further strengthen our response and extend our message to WIC clients who may not have visited the clinic recently to ensure more WIC clients are aware of the option of RTF formula include... **(we are working on this section of the letter)**

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