
From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 05, 2016 10:48 PM
To: Wells, Eden (DHHS)
Subject: Thanks. My read.

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Thanks so much. A clear story is now emerging. There were two efforts in DCH. One started with great intentions and a good heart and resulted in the July analysis, but was derailed by MDEQ's misrepresentations from the start. Nobody can be faulted for not picking up the problem with that data given the MDEQ input in July, but that group (in my opinion at least) started going a wrong in early to late September by not sharing data and not being completely forthcoming with results and spinning the data a little especially vs. Mona and the Free press reporter, and then epi took over the analysis and it was back in the hands of competent scientists and over in a few days.

There was the second effort prompted by MDEQ in early August, and then gained urgency as a response to our data (email below) and the likelihood VT would "scandalize us all" (email below), resulting in the Flint DW Communications plan. Just FYI...The idea that this person did not know about the high lead in water as they told you, given the e-mails was absurd, as was the idea it was not related or based on our work, or it was a draft. The e-mail trail is pretty much like what I figured it had to be. Of public interest but not really epic wrong-doing. Plus, they obviously believed MDEQ as well. Who wouldn't.

There are two pieces missing. One is the e-mails associated the Bob's meeting on September 8th. In his e-mails to me, he said it would be a great idea for me to do the blood lead work (see below), as they had just met on that subject on that day. I can't find anything about that meeting anywhere, no notes..no mention of the meeting I can find..nothing on who attended or the purpose of the call. I still think this meeting is responsive to my FOIA including the planning of it, etc., and who attended. If you want I can submit a new FOIA to get information about the September 8th phone call and/or meeting, but I don't see why it is not responsive.

The other point just for you information, is that virtually everything I got about Karen's e-mails, came from someone else, or when I asked for it directly. So I really think something stinks about that. Mona asked her for DCH blood lead data on September 8th, and she did not even bother responding to Mona, and did not lift a finger to get the data? It doesn't make sense. Someone probably told her not to give Mona the data, or not to respond to Mona. But you have tried really hard with her and I appreciate it. Just wanted to give you my take on how the story rolls.

I am really glad I did not have to do that January 4th piece, as it would have been about how your staff was misleading you, and would have looked bad, and this really saved a lot of pain and suffering on all sides. I really appreciate your effort to get the story straight. I hope I was proven to not be completely crazy about the origins of the communications plan.

Thanks, and please tell me if I need to submit a new FOIA on the September 8th meeting/call, etc. with Bob. Or if you want to talk about any of this let me know.

Best Regards,

Marc

From: Scott, Robert L. (DCH) [<mailto:ScottR9@michigan.gov>] **Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2015 4:19 PM **To:** Marc Edwards **Subject:** RE: Repeat of 2006 study request, but for Flint and Genesee County and Detroit zip codes, from January 1 2011 to present.

Marc,

Sorry I'm slow to get back to you. Yes, I think this sounds great. There has been some concern about the water source change in Flint, and in fact we had a call about it today.

Marc

From: Bruneau, Michelle (DCH)

Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 2:34 PM

To: Groetsch, Kory J. (DCH)

Subject: Flint Lead is blowing up - may want to push meeting if we're going

<http://michiganradio.org/post/team-testing-flint-water-lead-sample-sample>

<http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/mayor.html>

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/flint_mayoral_challen

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/new_testing_shows_f

From: Bruneau, Michelle (DCH)
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 8:28 AM
To: Groetsch, Kory J. (DCH)
Subject: RE: DRAFT Lead Plan
Attachments: 2015-09-09 - DHHS LEAD SAFE KG MB.d

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Cool, I put the info you added into a Background Section because the info is still important.

I pulled out a lot of talking points – including the TTHM and the concerns I have on the Flint Links page I sent you, to that will be important to consider when we need to go in the “Plan”.

My reasoning for not focusing on the chloride as part of our education campaign is that I can figure, right? Only the city can really quit using so much salt on the water quality.

It should be addressed, but not as a focus, I think. It can be explained in part by how lead reacts with the pipes, what people can do...if anything? Lisa said something about lead could be taken care of with people’s morning showers, right? Lead isn’t going to go away.

Edited version attached. It may be a good time to float the draft out to the public. It needs to be soon before the Virginia Tech University folks scandalize us. That’s not good.

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