
From: Henderson, Stephen <shenderson@freepress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 1:36 PM
To: Kaffer, Nancy; Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Subject: RE: Flint

I want to second Nancy's disappointment with the lack of response to our questions here.. We are asking about a major public health situation in a major city...

At minimum, I'd like to see our queries answered today; it might even make sense to get some time with the governor to discuss...

I doubt this is an issue that we are likely to lose interest in anytime soon.

Sent from Outlook

On Wed, Sep 30, 2015 at 8:00 AM -0700, "Kaffer, Nancy" <nkaffer@freepress.com> wrote:

Hi Sara,

Didn't hear from you yesterday. Writing today for tomorrow's paper – saw Paul's story on the governor yesterday but would still love to discuss with you exactly what you're doing in Flint. Also interested in this MLive story about distribution of filters through the faith community – would really love to discuss today – again, I'm on deadline and available all day. If you can't reach me at my desk please try my cell: PPI

Best,

Nancy

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Cc: Henderson, Stephen <shenderson@freepress.com>
Subject: RE: Flint

We should slate some time to talk at length tomorrow, Nancy. I will be more than happy to walk through the history of what's been done already and what's in the works.

This is absolutely an issue the administration has been actively engaged on and will continue to do so -- challenging issue on so many fronts but one we're committed to helping address -- let there be no Q on that front.

I have some time in mid to late morning -- hopefully between 10:15 and 11:15 though I know someone was trying to get something on my calendar then, again over lunch hour, or late afternoon after 4:15 p.m. Please let me know if one of those may work for you.

While on subject, am hoping a response from DEQ Director Dan Wyant and DHHS Director Nick Lyon on this topic may be in order that Free Press will run.

Thanks much,
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From: Kaffer, Nancy [<mailto:nkaffer@freepress.com>]
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To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
Cc: Henderson, Stephen <shenderson@freepress.com>
Subject: RE: Flint

Hi Sara,

Wanted to touch base again before leaving for the day. I'm writing on this again this week, and really would like to know a) if you guys now believe there is an issue with lead in the water, or are engaging in further testing/analysis to determine if lead is an issue, and b) what exactly you guys are doing to help get safe drinking water to Flint kids.

Best,

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From: Kaffer, Nancy
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To: 'Wurfel, Sara (GOV)' <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: Flint

Can you give me some details of the things that you think are wrong? We always want to know about mistakes or errors.

Also, I asked you last week to comment on the situation -- still interested in hearing what you are doing to respond to the water situation in Flint, which has resulted in an increasing number of children with elevated blood-lead levels. We're doing a follow-up, and would love to know what specifically the governor's office is doing.

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [<mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov>]
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Subject: RE: Flint

I'm still in disbelief and simmering to be quite frank over that column, Nancy. That was fairly unbelievable - 'resounding yawn'? Seriously? You picked and chose facts and components to weave together a set narrative, leaving out so many critical pieces of all the state, Governor and administration have done to help the city and its residents in this situation.

There has been and there will be more that we're doing on this front – again do everything possible to play a supportive role and work in collaborative fashion across all levels of government, with the community, faith and business leaders, and residents. Protecting public health is paramount and safe, clean, accessible drinking water is essential. That's what we solely focused on helping ensure.

Back in touch later.
SW

From: Kaffer, Nancy [<mailto:nkaffer@freepress.com>]
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Any updates/changes on plans to handle the Flint water situation?

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