
From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Emmitt, Beth (GOV); Murray, David (GOV); Agen, Jarrod (GOV)
Subject: RE: Flint

Agreed overall, though ideally it would have been a week or two ago before the fever pitch level it is now. But we need to do something more to change the narrative and demonstrate state's leadership and determination to help tackle the issue.

Key challenge is what specifically tied to kind of venue/announcement/info given the dynamics and timing (ie. school testing results) and status of DWSD reconnect conversation. Or a way to convey some other tangible item/assistance.

These filter distribution sites announced yesterday and that Beth highlighted below could be good one - it's a state led effort with collaboration - just would have to be done carefully.

We also have the state lab where testing is done. Though that poses certain opportunities and risks too, including it's not in Flint (is in Lansing).

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http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/10/whats_next_for_water_filter_di.html

This Friday afternoon he could visit one of the sites, talk to the CEO of United Way.

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I think this is a good idea. One think we keep hearing is that the governor is not involved or is detached. The Mike Thompson cartoon in the Free Press last week is getting a lot of mileage on social media.

This would be good to show he's there and cares. And if we don't announce until he's there we can avoid the protests -- and still get the optics.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 6, 2015, at 10:49 AM, Agen, Jarrod (GOV) <AgenJ@michigan.gov> wrote:

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- > Don't forward or spread this around, but give me your take.
- > I think we may need to get G into Flint this week.
- > Unpublicized, but public. Filter distribution, testing visit, discussion with Superintendent, etc...
- > (And probably again next week.)
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- > We should at least present the option of what a potential visit would look like.
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- > Can you think about it and let me know how we'd do it.
- > I know it would require blowing up a day or part of a day.
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