
From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 10:07 PM
To: Kathryn A. Thomas
Subject: Re: Draft release

How about you just call my cell **PPI** whenever you're ready and you'd like.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 7, 2015, at 10:00 PM, Kathryn A. Thomas <kthomas@mott.org> wrote:

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> Sadly, I'm still in the office. ;) I need to send e-mail out, but could chat after that, if you like.

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> -----Original Message-----

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

> Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 9:59 PM

> To: Kathryn A. Thomas <kthomas@mott.org>

> Cc: Biehl, Laura (GOV) <BiehLL@michigan.gov>; Heaton, Anna (GOV) <HeatonA@michigan.gov>

> Subject: Re: Draft release

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> Many thanks, Kathryn. I think we can concur with nearly all of these and agreed on clarification re: connection and timeframe. Headline will be a challenge since they also pull water from Detroit River. Will send updated version once we have other review and edits in.

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> Would it be helpful / do you want to connect yet tonight? Will be more than happy to call if so. Otherwise don't want to bug you this late.

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> Just let me know.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Oct 7, 2015, at 9:41 PM, Kathryn A. Thomas <kthomas@mott.org<mailto:kthomas@mott.org>> wrote:

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> This version contains a quote from Ridgway. Do I understand correctly that you will not issue a release before 10 am?

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> I will be leaving the office soon. Please feel free to call me on my mobile **PPI** at any time. I hope to be back here tomorrow before your team begins arriving.

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> Best,

> Kathryn

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> From: Kathryn A. Thomas

> Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 8:23 PM

> To: 'Wurfel, Sara (GOV)' <Wurfels@michigan.gov<mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov>>

> Cc: Biehl, Laura (GOV) <BiehLL@michigan.gov<mailto:BiehLL@michigan.gov>>; Heaton, Anna (GOV)

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> Subject: RE: Draft release

> Importance: High

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> Hi, Sara.

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> I will work with Ridgway on a quote, but I wanted to get some initial comments back to you as quickly as possible. Please be sure to view markup to see the comments.

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> I'm still in my office. Please call me there (810-766-1734) or on my mobile PPI if there's anything you wish to discuss.

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> Kathryn

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

> Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 7:22 PM

> To: Kathryn A. Thomas <kthomas@mott.org<mailto:kthomas@mott.org>>

> Cc: Biehl, Laura (GOV) <BiehlL@michigan.gov<mailto:BiehlL@michigan.gov>>; Heaton, Anna (GOV) <HeatonA@michigan.gov<mailto:HeatonA@michigan.gov>>

> Subject: RE: Draft release

> Importance: High

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> Greetings again, Kathryn -

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> And here is the draft confidential news release with placeholders for the Mayor and Mr. White's quotes. Dependent on final details getting worked out at tomorrow's meeting.

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> Please review and let us know of any edits or concerns you may have. We look forward to your feedback. If there's a chance you can get us the quote sometime yet this evening, that'd be fantastic.

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> Also, we'd like to put a Mott Foundation media contact here as well. Would that be yourself? And which numbers/contact info should we use?

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> Thanks again. We are very glad to be working with you on this.

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> Best regards,

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> Gov. Rick Snyder: Move back to Detroit water provides best protection for public health in Flint State, Mott Foundation and city form partnership to fund switch

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> FLINT, Mich. - Flint families and children will be better protected by reconnecting with the Great Lakes Water Authority as the source of the city's drinking water, Gov. Rick Snyder said.

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> Snyder said Thursday that he will request the state Legislature to provide half, or \$6 million, of the \$12 million needed to reconnect with the authority. The Flint city government will provide \$2 million and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation will donate \$4 million.

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> "All Flint residents need clean, safe drinking water," Snyder said. "The technical experts helping the city on its water advisory all agree this move back to the Great Lakes Water Authority provides the best public health protection for children and families. This effort today is the result of people coming together to solve a problem. I appreciate Detroit's

willingness to reconnect with Flint, the Mott Foundation's generous donation, and the dedication of all parties to come together to protect Flint families and children."

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> The Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services today also committed an additional \$3.5 million for water filters, free lead testing through the state laboratory for Flint water customers, and hiring additional staff to conduct health exposure monitoring for lead in drinking water.

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> Flint city leaders requested the state's help to fund the reconnection after a Wednesday meeting of Flint's Technical Advisory Committee. Flint's move to the Great Lakes Water Authority is expected to cost about \$1.3 million per month until the Karegnondi Water Authority is completed next summer.

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> INSERT MAYOR QUOTE HERE

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> The move to Detroit water, which is drawn from Lake Huron, carries many public health benefits. As large bodies of water, the Great Lakes are naturally prone to fewer problems from large rain events and other runoff issues that can be present in shallower rivers. Additionally, the Great Lakes Water Authority has already fully optimized its corrosion control, using phosphates to help coat the insides of pipes and prevent lead from leaching into the water.

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> However, reconnecting with the authority will not completely resolve the city's problem with lead service lines or aging infrastructure. It will take time for pipes in Flint to become coated with the phosphate corrosion control. Additionally, some households in the city could experience lead in their drinking water until all lead pipes and plumbing are replaced.

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> INSERT MOTT FOUNDATION QUOTE HERE

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> To best protect public health, Snyder said state and local authorities will continue to carry out steps outlined on Oct. 2 in a comprehensive action plan, including continued testing, the use of faucet filters and providing residents with accurate information about steps to eliminate lead exposure.

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> Free filters are available for current MDHHS clients at the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office locations. For residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs, free filters are available at the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation. At the Lippincott location only, extended hours will be offered this weekend, including until 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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> Other good practices<http://michigan.gov/documents/deq/FlintWater_Tips_100115_002_501845_7.pdf> for residents concerned about lead include turning on the cold water tap and running the water until it's as cold as it will go. Additionally, only use cold water for cooking, drinking and especially mixing baby formula.

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> School test results released; more investigation planned The state today also released the first results from its lead screening program in schools and homes. Of 37 total samples taken at 13 buildings, four samples spread over three buildings exceeded the federal action level of 15 parts per billion.

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> However, this sampling provides only an initial screen, and the state is committing to further testing water and inspecting plumbing at these schools. Until testing is complete, schools are advised to continue using bottled water and filtration as a precaution to protect children.

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> In addition, free testing is still available for any other Flint school, including daycares and Head Starts. Free testing is also available for any Flint resident.

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> Additional information, including more detailed lead screening results, is available at www.michigan.gov/flintwater<<http://www.michigan.gov/flintwater>>.

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> From: Heaton, Anna (GOV)

> Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 6:26 PM

> To: 'Kathryn A. Thomas' <kthomas@mott.org<<mailto:kthomas@mott.org>>>

> Cc: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov<<mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov>>>

> Subject: RE: security contact

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> Thanks so much, Kathryn. Sorry to bother you so late.

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> Run of show & comment topics below:

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> 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM Pre-Brief with all speakers

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> 10:00 AM - 10:01 AM Harvey Hollins kicks off press conference; introduces Governor

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> 10:01 AM - 10:05 AM Governor gives remarks

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> 10:05 AM - 10:06 AM Harvey Hollins introduces Mayor Dayne Walling

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> 10:06 AM - 10:10 AM Mayor Walling gives remarks

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> 10:10 AM - 10:11 AM Harvey Hollins introduces DEQ Director Dan Wyant

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> 10:11 AM - 10:15 AM Director Wyant gives remarks

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> 10:15 AM - 10:16 AM Harvey Hollins introduces DHHS Director Nick Lyon

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> 10:16 AM - 10:17 AM Director Nick Lyon introduces Dr. Eden Wells

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> 10:17 AM - 10:20 AM Dr. Eden Wells remarks

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> 10:20 AM - 10:21 AM Harvey Hollins introduces Ridgway White of Mott Foundation

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> 10:21 AM - 10:25 AM Ridgway White gives remarks

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> 10:25 AM - 10:35 AM Q&A from the podium

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> 10:35 AM Event concludes; Governor departs

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> Nature of comments:

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> RDS - Collaboration led to solution, outline of solution

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> Mayor Walling - Importance of solution to Flint

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> Dan Wyant - School testing results, overview of steps on transition from Flint River to DWSD

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> Nick Lyon - DHHS involvement

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> Dr. Eden Wells - Testing of water going forward, use of filters approved by NSF

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> Ridgway White - Importance of collaboration/commitment to Flint

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> From: Kathryn A. Thomas [mailto:kthomas@mott.org]

> Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 6:20 PM

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> From: Kathryn A. Thomas

> Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 4:32 PM

> To: 'Wurfel, Sara (GOV)' <Wurfels@michigan.gov<mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov>>

> Subject: RE: Contact info

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> Would you mind if we were to have a Mott logo on the podium? It will be our only visual representation. If it's a problem, let me know.

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> Our head of security is Phil Snyder. (I never thought to ask if there's any relation!) His cell phone # is PPI

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> The main security number at our front desk is 810-767-5052. That will get you to one of whichever two guards are on duty at the desk.

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> The governor can park in the loading zone immediately along the back of our building. Our security staff will be watching for him and can let him in through the back door of the building. How many other vehicles will you need parking for?

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> I want to get this info off to you, but I am about to follow up with another e-mail. Stay tuned.

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

> Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 4:19 PM

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> Subject: RE: Contact info

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> Got it - many thanks, Kathryn.

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> Also, here is what had mentioned about podium sign. Basic, to the point/message and no one entity as primary. Work and comfortable for that end?

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> We should indeed make sure there's security connections. Who is your point for that and contact info? I'm trying to verify who's going to be lead on our team's EP unit and will also share as soon as receive.

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> From: Kathryn A. Thomas [mailto:kthomas@mott.org]
> Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 1:27 PM
> To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov<mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov>>
> Subject: RE: Contact info
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> Brief correction for the address on the advisory. Our building manager advises that we should use the name that appears on the outside of the building so as to avoid confusion. She recommends the following:
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> Commerce Center Building
> 519 S. Saginaw Street
> Conference Center, Ground Floor
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> I also wanted to ask if we should connect our building security staff with your security staff. Please let me know.
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> Thanks!
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> Kathryn
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> From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 12:41 PM
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> Subject: RE: Contact info
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> Many thanks, Kathryn.
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> So appreciate your and the Mott Foundation's leadership and assist on this and helping make the Dining Room conference center space in the Mott Foundation Building available.
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> Here too is all my contact information, along with our team who will be working on this as well. Have cc'd them here as well.
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> We'll wait to hear from you on some of the outstanding technical and logistical Qs, and also be back in touch as we have drafts of materials hopefully late this afternoon.
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> Anna Heaton
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> Corey Utley (Advance Coordinator)
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> utleyC@michigan.gov<mailto:utleyC@michigan.gov>
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> Depending on any particulars, we also may need our livestream guru and videographer, Erik Janiszewski, to connect with your IS services team as well. His mobile is [PPI] and JaniszewskiE@michigan.gov<mailto:JaniszewskiE@michigan.gov>.

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> Thanks again and warm regards,

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> Sara Wurfel, APR

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> From: Kathryn A. Thomas [mailto:kthomas@mott.org]

> Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:18 PM

> To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) <Wurfels@michigan.gov<mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov>>

> Subject: Contact info

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> Hi, Sara.

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> My direct office number and cell are both listed below. I am off in pursuit of answers to your immediate questions.

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> Best regards,

> Kathryn

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> Kathryn Thomas

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> Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

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