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Subject: Re: NEWS RELEASE: Gov. Rick Snyder announces Flint Water Task Force to review state, federal and municipal actions, offer recommendations

I'm with governor on a couple of tv interviews at moment, but if hard deadline, am sure Dave can cover if he can swing his schedule.

Also, know the two co-chairs are available and more than happy to talk with you too.

Thanks and best,
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> On Oct 21, 2015, at 2:52 PM, Jake Neher <jaken@mprn.org> wrote:
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> Is there someone who could talk on tape about this? Hoping to get a
> phone interview in before 3:30, if possible. Thanks.
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 > federal and municipal actions, offer recommendations [
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 > "Experts in public health, water management, environmental protection
 > to focus on steps to protect residents"
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 > LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced the creation of an
 > independent advisory task force charged with reviewing actions
 > regarding water use and testing in Flint and offer recommendations for
 > future guidelines to protect the health and safety of all state residents.
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 > Task force members include experts in public health and medicine,
 > water management, and environmental protection from both sides of the
 > aisle, and will be co-chaired by Ken Sikkema of Public Sector
 > Consultants and Chris Kolb, of the Michigan Environmental Council.
 > Also serving will be Dr. Matthew Davis of the University of Michigan
 > Health System, Eric Rothstein, of the Galardi Rothstein Group and Dr.
 > Lawrence Reynolds of Mott Children’s Health Center in Flint.
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 > “Transitioning back to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department-Great
 > Lakes Water Authority is a good first step to protecting public health
 > in Flint, but it’s not the last step,” Snyder said. “Bringing in
 > outside experts to evaluate our actions and help monitor and advise on
 > potential changes to law, procedures and practices will be key to
 > continuing work on the comprehensive action plan and ensuring safe
 > drinking water for all the residents in Flint and all of Michigan.”
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 > Snyder said the administration will fully cooperate with task force
 > members, saying he wants an unbiased report focusing on steps taken in
 > the past and recommendations that could improve practices to ensure
 > all residents have access to safe, clean water.
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 > *Ken Sikkema* is a senior policy fellow at Public Sector Consultants,
 > where he specializes in public finance, environment, and energy policy.
 > Prior to joining the firm, Sikkema served in both the Michigan House
 > and Senate, culminating with four years as Senate majority leader. He

> has also served as both an adjunct and visiting professor at Grand
 > Valley State University.

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> *Chris Kolb* is president of the Michigan Environmental Council, a
 > statewide coalition of 70 environmental, public health and faith-based
 > nonprofit groups. Before joining the MEC, Kolb represented Ann Arbor
 > in the state House for six years and served six years on the Ann Arbor
 > City Council. He has been president of the MEC for six years.

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> *Matthew Davis*, M.D., M.A.P.P., is professor of pediatrics and
 > internal medicine at the University of Michigan Health System and
 > professor of public policy at the Gerald R. Ford School at the
 > University of Michigan, having joined the faculty in 2000. Davis also
 > is a professor of health management and policy at the School of Public
 > Health. He previously served as the chief medical executive of the
 > Michigan Department of Community Health/Department of Health and Human Services.

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> *Eric Rothstein* is a national water issues consultant and principal
 > at the Galardi Rothstein Group. He served as an independent advisor on
 > the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority. Rothstein also has
 > served as Jefferson County, Alabama's rate consultant and municipal
 > adviser for litigation related to the county's bankruptcy and issuance
 > of \$1.7 billion in sewer warrants and led strategic financial
 > planning30 years of experience in water, wastewater and stormwater utility finance and rate-making assessments.

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> *Lawrence Reynolds,* M.D., is a pediatrician in Flint who serves as
 > president of the Mott Children's Health Center. He received his
 > medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine and has been
 > in practice for 36 years. He has served as president of the Genesee
 > County Medical Society and the Michigan Chapter of the American
 > Academy of Pediatrics. He has been honored for his humanitarian and
 > advocacy efforts on behalf of children from the Community Foundation
 > of Greater Flint.

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> Snyder has said reconnecting with the authority is a critical step to
 > resolving water quality issues and addressing related health concerns.
 > It will not immediately 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.

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> To best protect public health, 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. The Michigan Departments of Environmental
> Quality and Health and Human Services are continuing to provide free
> 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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