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Captain Kelenske will have a draft declaration ready within the next hour. I will wait until the draft is ready to forward this to the Governor so that we can get it done within a single email.

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On January 4, 2016, Genesee County requested that a "State of Emergency/Disaster" be issued by Governor Snyder. I have reviewed the situation with key EMHSD staff and we conclude that a recommendation for declaration of a State of Emergency is warranted based on the following factors:

- The situation is sufficiently widespread and severe.
- The situation adversely impacts public health, safety and welfare. The presence of lead in drinking water has been documented. The full extent and required remediation remain unknown.
- The potential fiscal impact to the city of Flint is severe. The current situation poses an extraordinary financial burden.
- The city and county do not possess the technical expertise to fully identify impacts and remediation.

EMHSD also recommends activation of the SEOC which will include:

- Attendance by all state agencies;
- Situation Reports by all state agencies for situational awareness and to develop a common operating picture;
- Technical briefings by MDEQ and MDHHS on the situation.

Following initial SEOC briefings, state agencies must determine (in consultation with the state director of EMHS) if they need to play a role in ongoing SEOC operations to contribute to addressing the Flint water issue. At minimum, the following agencies should maintain a presence in the SEOC during the operational period: MDEQ, MDHHS, MI Department of Education, DTMB, Department of Talent and Economic Development, and MDARD. The SEOC operational period is to be determined but will at minimum be 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The initial focus of the SEOC will be to:

- Identify and implement any needed protective actions to protect public health and safety;
- Develop situational awareness and common operating picture;
- Develop understanding of technical aspects;
- Coordinate damage assessment;
- Review resource requests;
- Coordinate public information; and
- Identify programs to assist in remediating damage.

Finally, EMHSD staff recommends:

- Activation of a Joint Information Center located in Flint which must include PIOs from Genesee County, the city of Flint, and other appropriate local agencies to participate.

ACTION ITEM: The Governor's Declaration of an Emergency is being drafted and will be initiated pending the Governor's approval of this recommendation and above actions.

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