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Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 11:53 AM
To: Baird, Richard (GOV)
Subject: Re: Draft Document for Review - Not for Distribution - Taking Action on Flint Water - Response Due by Monday, January 4, 2016, COB

I have put Comments/Questions/Suggestions in []...

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TAKING ACTION ON FLINT WATER

[I would start off with an apology..."Among the things our citizens have a right to expect from their government is clean, safe water. In Flint's case, government failed them on many levels. As the Chief Executive of the state, I apologize for these failures and am absolutely committed to making things right. I would ask that all of our leaders at the local, state and federal level, work with me to solve the immediate problems and put in place long term measures to monitor and address the consequences from exposure. I also want to thank Dr. Mona Attisha Hannah and Dr. Marc Edwards for their diligence in making sure I understood the severity of the problem.]

- Flint deserves safe drinking water.
- The issues around Flint's drinking water represent the challenges of aging infrastructure.
- As Governor, I am committed to addressing the issue.
- Lead exposure is a serious issue.
- I appreciate those who have brought attention to this issue.
- We are committed to safe drinking water and to working in partnership with the city of Flint and the U.S. EPA.
- We must learn from what happened in Flint.
- In October, I announced a ten point action plan to address lead exposure in Flint.

- Today, I am outlining additional actions to make sure the public health is protected in Flint and elsewhere in the State of Michigan.

- I am asking for changes in order to see that the Michigan Drinking Water Program becomes a national leader in public health protection.

On October 2, 2015 the Flint Water Action Plan was announced. With the help of the Michigan Legislature and the Mott Foundation, we have taken significant action to address the issue. Actions include:

- **Switching back to the Great Lakes Water Authority/DWSD water supply (October 16, 2015)**

- Provided water filters to residents of Flint. (DHHS to provide update) [Distribution has been a problem--are we addressing it?]

- Testing all Flint schools, preschools and day cares. Summary of results to date. (George to provide)

- Expanded health exposure testing of individual residences. Summary of results to date. (Nick to provide)

- Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure safe water. Summary of results to date. (George to provide)

- Expedite optimizing corrosion control in the Flint drinking water system. Summary of date completed. (George to summarize)

- Utilize the "Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee." To ensure the best technology, practices and science are being utilized; national experts have been assembled to provide technical advice. [Will you include Dr. Mona? Larry Reynolds? Mark Edwards?]

- Accelerate water system improvement to address replacement of lead service lines. We are working with the city of Flint and our Congressional delegation on a lead service line replacement plan.

- Working to expedite the completion of the Karegnondi Water Authority.

- Expand a lead education program.

(DHHS to provide update)

- Dr. Eden Wells was named as the Flint Drinking Water Public Health Advisor to ensure safe drinking water.

[Dr. Larry Reynolds was named to the Flint After Action Task Force].

In addition to the announced Flint Action plan, I am calling for additional actions to be taken.

- Recently appointed Harvey Hollins to serve as my administration's point person to coordinate ongoing activities and partner with the city of Flint.
- Asking the DEQ to develop a statewide drinking water school testing program.
- Asking for changes in the Michigan Drinking Water Program in order for it to be recognized as a national leader in public health including:
 - o New administrative leadership.
 - o Creation of corrosion control expertise.
 - o Expanded statewide testing.
 - o Improved testing protocols.
- The creation of a health fund for children affected by lead exposure.
- Calling on the Legislature to work with my administration and stakeholders to develop a Strategic Water Fund to address Michigan's long term safe water and water quality infrastructure needs. [This can't get lost. Need more to educate people that our infrastructure is old, that the average city of 50,000 or more likely requires \$\$\$ in remediation. At some point the anti corrosive treatment is not likely to be sufficient.]
- I will look to implement additional recommendations of the Flint Water Advisory Task Force, and I appreciate their leadership on this issue.

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 28, 2015, at 10:14 AM, Wyant, Dan (DEQ) <WyantD@michigan.gov> wrote:

Please edit, correct, and expand summaries as indicated in the attached document called Taking Action on Flint Water Draft 12-28-15. This document is intended to serve as a basis for the Governor to address the Flint drinking water issue in the State of the State and budget announcement.

I have also attached a pdf of a document called Drinking Water Program Budget Request for your information.

Please send your response back to me and also copy all by Monday, January 4, 2016,
Close of Business.

Thank you.

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