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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 5:49 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: RE: Question about the Flint panel

Thanks for the reply, Sara.

Just to be clear: The governor's office considers itself exempt from FOIA, so if the report/findings/whatever you want to call it is delivered to the governor, it will not be subject to FOIA? Does the task force have a budget to hire investigators? It's not a public body so it doesn't have subpoena power, right?

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So glad you dropped a note again, Nancy. Have no idea how missed this earlier – apparently a flurry of emails all the same time.

The task force has full independence and our administration has pledged full and complete cooperation. It will operate as transparently as possible and there are expected to be opportunities for public input. The goal and mission is to conduct a thorough independent review of decisions and practices at the state, federal and city level concerning water in Flint.

The task force isn't a public body (it doesn't make policy and doesn't govern anything). They're a group of dedicated professionals who have volunteered to conduct an outside investigation of an issue and report recommendations and findings to the Governor. We fully plan on sharing that.

Thanks and best,
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Roping Dave in, here, because Sara, I know you've been dealing with some family business.

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So, the panel that's looking at Flint – it reports to the governor, yes? Does that mean its reports/notes/interim work/final product won't be subject to FOIA?

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