
From: Arthur Delaney <arthur@huffingtonpost.com>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2015 3:21 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Re: Flint point person

Got it -- thanks for your help and sorry for nagging.

On Mon, Dec 21, 2015 at 3:11 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Coming soon.

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Dave, I am still waiting to hear from MDHHS about the latest from FlintWaterStory.org. The core allegation is that they had a very clear warning of elevated blood lead in a July 27 memo that the email correspondence says was sent to the agency director as well as the governor's office.

If the statement's coming soon, I can hold my story, but if it's not coming soon, I can add it after publishing.

On Mon, Dec 21, 2015 at 1:00 PM, Arthur Delaney <arthur@huffingtonpost.com> wrote:

Dave, sorry for my slowness in acknowledging this email. I agree that that sentence would be unfair by itself. The next sentence says "local officials toasted the decision." I realize the city voted to switch to the KWA. My sense from local reporting is that the interim switch to the Flint River was not exactly a local call, even if the river had previously served as a backup. Like I said, I do not ever want to give readers the impression that the governor was SOLELY responsible for the water switch. I think those two sentences together are fair, though in the future I can try to include local and state entities in a single sentence.

On Thu, Dec 17, 2015 at 10:44 AM, Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Arthur, I was just sending you an email.

From your story:

The trouble started in 2014 when emergency managers appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) decided to try saving money by switching Flint's water supply from the Detroit system to the Flint River.

Arthur, this is greatly inaccurate. The city and county governments have been working – for years – to create a new water authority so the Flint area would stop using water from Detroit. There was a 7-1 Flint City Council vote to make the switch to the new source in Lake Huron, which the emergency manager affirmed to support the local wishes.

The Flint River has always been a been the backup source. The original plan from the city was to use Detroit water or a mix of Detroit and Flint River water during construction of the new pipeline. There wasn't an arbitrary decision to "try saving money."

This column from the emergency manager at the time explains the decision behind the switch in great detail.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2015/10/26/opinion-flint-water-disaster/74657458/>

Do you have the press release from the task force that includes the governor's response letter? I'll forward it to you.

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From: Arthur Delaney [mailto:arthur@huffingtonpost.com]

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Subject: Flint point person

Hi Dave, is Gov. Snyder going to appoint a "crisis responder" to oversee the Flint situation?

Am I missing something with Ananich's request for such? My sense is that he's trying to express dissatisfaction with the task force.

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From: **Angela Wittrock** <AWittrock@senate.michigan.gov>

Date: Thu, Dec 17, 2015 at 10:19 AM

Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich Wants More Urgency from Governor, Trained Emergency Coordinator on the Ground

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Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich Wants More Urgency from Governor, Trained Emergency Coordinator on the Ground

LANSING, Mich. — Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D–Flint) responded to today’s release of Flint Water Task Force correspondence. He reiterated specific actions that would help organize efforts with the Flint water crisis, including bringing in a trained emergency management professional to coordinate assistance within the City of Flint.

“Political appointees and public relations people are what got us into this mess, and they aren’t who we need leading us out of it,” Sen. Ananich said. “Anything less than a professional trained in emergency management or public health will not suffice.”

Sen. Ananich requested a crisis responder from the Michigan State Police, the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Homeland Security.

“Dashboards and nice words won’t cut it — our community needs action and answers. While I appreciate that the task force seems to recognize it needs to recommend changes before they release their final report, the administration still doesn’t seem to comprehend how devastating this crisis is and that it’s far from over,” Sen. Ananich said.

In addition to calling for more urgency, Sen. Ananich has pushed for stronger legislative oversight and hearings, and additional resources for those families suffering from lead overexposure.

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