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All:

As you know, we have a conference call with the Governor at 4:30pm today...

In a phone conversation with Rich Baird earlier today, he mentioned that he has heard the Task Force has 4 initial items of concern:

1. The lack of unfettered access to individuals with whom we need to meet.
2. The lack of one individual or entity who has the responsibility to coordinate and marshal resources to respond to the ongoing situation in Flint.
3. The proposed letter requesting the deployment of the resources of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response for additional testing of blood lead levels in Flint children.
4. The apparent culture of "technical compliance" as a regulatory approach in the Safe Drinking Water Division at DEQ.

Given the limited time we have with the Governor, I suggest we focus on the first 3 and leave the last one for another day. Although my take-away from our meeting with the DEQ is consistent with #4 above, I would characterize it as an initial impression and one that needs to be explored a bit further.

Everyone should feel free to weigh in where they want, but Eric, I hope you will emphasize #1, Matt #3, and Chris--you or I--#2.

Just my suggestion as a way to organize our conversation a bit...open to other thoughts as we proceed.

Ken

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