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This is to inform you of communication I had with Ron Fonger, a reporter with the Flint Journal. He is working on a story regarding the Genesee County Water System's plan to construct a new surface water intake and water treatment plant. He wanted to know how often DEQ issues surface water intake construction permits for projects similar to Genesee County's (permits for intakes that will serve new, not existing, surface water treatment facilities). He was already aware of the intake permits issued to Genesee County and Benton Charter Township. I confirmed that these are in fact the only two intake construction permits issued by DEQ in the last five years for new intake construction intended to serve a new surface water treatment plant. I noted that a few additional intake-related permits have been issued during that time, but they were issued to *existing* surface water systems for purposes such as intake replacement, capacity expansion, etc.

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