

From: [Busch, Stephen \(DEQ\)](#)
To: [Benzie, Richard \(DEQ\)](#); [Shekter Smith, Liane \(DEQ\)](#)
Cc: [Cook, Pat \(DEQ\)](#); [Prysby, Mike \(DEQ\)](#)
Subject: RE: Call from MI citizen in Flint
Date: Friday, May 16, 2014 12:01:34 PM

Richard and Liane,

FYI.

Mike, Adam, and I had a conference call with Flint this morning to go over some MOR and monitoring details.

We have received bacti and distribution CI data, but only have some preliminary MOR data. Remaining MOR data will be provided as required by the end of the month.

They appear from what we discussed to be conducting the required monitoring and preliminary data suggest everything is meeting standards. Unit 37 samples will be collected next week, but as previously indicated we do have results from test runs that demonstrate everything was meeting standards.

The WTP has not been Fluoridating at this time, as we suggested they focus on required treatment until things settle down. They indicated they should be ready by June 1 to start Fluoridation. They do have around 0.15 ppm in the raw water.

If want any additional info just let us know.

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From: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 2:02 PM
To: Crooks, Jennifer; Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Cook, Pat (DEQ)
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Call from MI citizen in Flint

I suspect there may have been excessive runoff and storm water discharges with the weather we have been experiencing, but you will have to ask the Water Resources Division for details. If a release or overflow is unusual or not expected, both we and the systems should get contacted through the PEAS contact lists.

We expect surface water treatment plants to be capable of treating their source adequately from a microbial standpoint regardless of deteriorating source water quality.

One answer to his question is that any time a system is unable to meet drinking water standards or

suspects there may be a water quality problem as a result of an unexpected event (spill, pressure loss, etc.), they are required to notify the consumers and provide appropriate precautionary advice. So no news should be considered good news.

We can talk more next week.

From: Crooks, Jennifer [<mailto:crooks.jennifer@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 11:16 AM
To: Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Cook, Pat (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Call from MI citizen in Flint

The citizen, Mr. Lathan Jefferson, contacted Mindy Eisenberg at Headquarters. I will follow up with you all next week at her request. Mike, if I could get copies of the lab analyses for regulated contaminants and their MOR for the new Flint water, I'd appreciate it. Richard and Mike, Mindy is wondering if there were any contaminant releases recently into the Flint River? See my response below.

Jennifer

From: Crooks, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 9:57 AM
To: Eisenberg, Mindy
Cc: Poy, Thomas
Subject: RE: Call from MI citizen in Flint to you

I will talk with Mike, Pat and Richard next Monday and get the analyses from Mike, and send to you next week.

Thank you again, Mindy.

Jennifer

From: Eisenberg, Mindy
Sent: Thursday, May 15, 2014 9:55 AM
To: Crooks, Jennifer
Cc: Poy, Thomas
Subject: RE: Call from MI citizen in Flint to you

Thanks Jennifer,

I told him that I would make some calls to find out what is going on and then would get back to him. He mentioned that he was on his way to talk with the Flint treatment plant, so we'll see how that goes.

Mindy

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