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From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 6:14 PM
To: Sheila Bailey-Waddell
Subject: Re: City of Flint Water

Sheila,

I was not aware of the sewage discharge since I don't reside in Genesee County and I don't work in the waste water program. I appreciate you bringing it to my attention. The sewage discharge occurred in the city of Flushing and is approximately 20 miles downstream of the Flint Water Treatment river intake; thus the treatment and Flint's water supply was not threatened by this particular discharge. I will follow up with you further on Monday concerning the cost of water.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2015, at 4:34 PM, Sheila Bailey-Waddell <sheila.bw@hotmail.com> wrote:

Michael,

I refuse to believe that you were unaware of this incident. I have provided a link below for your reference and that you were informed. Although you have stated that you do not regulate the rates, there, perhaps, is an indirect relationship with Michigan DEQ components and rates charged (i.e revolving funds, loans, etc...). Somewhere in your agency's organization structure these two elements must cross.

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/04/flushing_discharges_nearly_100.html

Thank you,
Sheila

From: PRYSBYM@michigan.gov
To: sheila.bw@hotmail.com
Subject: City of Flint Water
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2015 19:57:28 +0000

Sheila,

To better help address your first concern pertaining to the spill of sewage into the Flint, I will need to know the location of the spill and when it occurred. Your second concern, pertaining to the high cost of water cannot be answered by our department since we do not regulate how a water utility charges its customers. It is the city's obligation, as part of building good public relations and perception, to provide an informative response to customers concerned over high water rates.

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