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To: [Busch, Stephen \(DEQ\)](#); [Shekter Smith, Liane \(DEQ\)](#)
Subject: RE: Flint Water Study-VT
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 4:26:00 PM

IF we agree to participate in an interview, it probably should be someone with firsthand knowledge of the situation in Flint.

Did someone reply to the request to provide a point of contact? It may be wise to keep open an opportunity to be in communication about their findings before they are released to the public.

Richard

From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 3:03 PM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
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FYI. I don't think Adam is interested in participating. Richard, this may better suit your work schedule.

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From: Rosenthal, Adam (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
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From: Marc Edwards [<mailto:edwardsm@vt.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 11:41 AM
To: Rosenthal, Adam (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Flint Water Study-VT

Adam,

I am teaching a class on graduate engineering ethics at Virginia Tech, and we are using the Flint situation as our case study this semester.

Would you or someone else from DEQ, be willing to be interviewed by my class on some Wednesday between 4-6:45 pm?

Best Regards,

Marc

From: Marc Edwards [<mailto:edwardsm@vt.edu>]
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2015 4:57 PM
To: 'ROSENTHALA@michigan.gov'; 'bwright@cityofflint.com'; 'Ptaszinski, Rachel'
Subject: Flint Water Study-VT

Dear Adam, Mike and Rachel,

Hi there. I am a professor at Virginia Tech who specializes in research on corrosion, opportunistic premise plumbing pathogens, lead in water health effects and engineering ethics.

Over the next few months we will be studying Flint water quality issues, in conjunction with all parties who are interested in this subject.

We will be launching our web page to publicly report results of our work.

We visited Flint last week and collected a lot of samples from the distribution system, and we are also doing a lead in water study with residents, to complement that which was recently conducted by the city under the LCR.

Just giving you a heads up on this, and I hope you can give me a point of contact with each of your agencies.

Dependent on what we find, it might be desirable to touch base, in advance of our releasing certain findings.

We also intend to collaborate with all parties, in an open manner, to the extent that is possible, as our study progresses.

Mike, I think I met you a few years back at a Michigan AWWA event, and Rachel, you were kind enough to send me the coliform/E.Coli data last week. Adam, I am not sure if I have ever met you or not.

My cell phone is 540 320 8740, my office phone is 540 231-7236, and my e-mail is on this message. Feel free to call me at any time, if any of you should have any questions about our plans, or the Flint water quality issues that we will be studying.

Best Regards,
Marc Edwards