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To: [Crooks, Jennifer](#); [Prysby, Mike \(DEQ\)](#)  
Cc: [Benzie, Richard \(DEQ\)](#); [Shekter Smith, Liane \(DEQ\)](#)  
Subject: RE: Controlled Correspondence from citizen in Flint  
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Jennifer,

Regarding water rates and financial considerations, here is some additional information:

The Michigan Department of Treasury conducts annual financial audits of local units of government in accordance with US government auditing standards and Michigan Public Act 34 of 2001, the Municipal Finance Act. This includes the City of Flint and its proprietary utility funds. While these audits do not set the rate structure, they do ensure that funds generated through water rates are accounted and directed in accordance with applicable laws.

Copies of these audits can be obtained online at the following location:

<https://treas-secure.state.mi.us/LAFDocSearch/>

Everything else appears accurate.

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Subject: Controlled Correspondence from citizen in Flint  
Importance: High

Hi, Steve. As we discussed, I've drafted our response and included information you gave us on Monday. Tom Poy has reviewed, so this is our final draft. If you could get back to me this afternoon with any changes, I'd appreciate it. These things are like ticking time bombs around here.

Thank you!

Jennifer