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FYI. Just in case you heard about this, it is downstream with no impact to the WTP.

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Phone interview with Mr. Randy Conath, TV12 Flint, 8/20/2014, 4:05p.

Mr Conath was specifically interested in today's incident which occurred at the 3rd Ave PS. The discharge of raw sewage began at 5:20a and lasted until 2:15p, with an estimated discharge of 3.75 MG. He was reporting from the site so he actually just wanted me to verify a few of the details which he already knew. I did say that residents would normally want to avoid bodily contact with the river, but that the county Health Department makes that determination. He was aware also that this incident occurred downstream of the Flint drinking water plant intake and that the integrity of that system was not affected by this incident.

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Ron Fonger for the Flint Journal inquired about an SSO event in Flint (8/11&12/2014). Flint just sent us the final report listing discharge volume at 12.3 MG, a significantly large event that occurred due to heavy rainfall.

Apparently treatment and storage capacity is being discussed again at city council meetings. Mr. Fonger wanted to know what the consequences of this discharge are for Flint. Is it permitted, etc? The discharge is not permitted and

corrections are addressed in the NPDES permit, although much more work needs to be done to improve their collection system.

I shared with Mr. Fonger that we also received a report this morning that Flint is experiencing a power outage at the Third Ave Pump Station (Flint's primary pump station) and discharging sewage to the river at this time. The power failure appears to be the result of local problems (accident or fire?) with the Consumers Energy electrical distribution system. I have spoken with the Flint WWTP Superintendent and directed him to contact me as soon as he learns that power has been restored.

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