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Subject: FW: Steve Carmody interview. Can you do Friday?
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You should discuss with Steve and Mike.

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 11:05 AM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Steve Carmody interview. Can you do Friday?

Hey, all. Michigan Radio's Steve Carmody is looking to do a piece with us next Tuesday on Flint's water.

The angle is looking at the Flint River as a source. I've been parsing this out with Mike Alexander in WRD – looking at the waters, what they flow through upstream of the intake, what that means for the quality of the source.

Carmody also wants to look at it comparatively. As in, what other municipalities around the state are using rivers? I'm aware of Manistique, Blissfield, Alma (?), and ... ??? What is the quality of those sources, comparatively?

I know, tough story to do. I need some counsel from Drinking water people, collaborating with WRD counterparts, to get us prepped. And I think we'll need one of you three to be part of this interview on Tuesday.

Let me know when the drawing of straws is over. Thanks! ☺

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From: Alexander, Michael (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Steve Carmody interview. Can you do Friday?

We are all set for Tuesday afternoon at 3 PM. Let me know if that time doesn't work and where should we have it? I can get a conference room if you want me to.

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Hmmmm. Not what he imparted when I talked to him, but I get what you're saying. Drinking water intake, or drinking water source? Blissfield, Manistique and (I think) Alma use surface water as sources. Is that what he's looking for? Comparative water quality discussion?

From: Alexander, Michael (DEQ)
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To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
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Just got off the phone with Steve Carmody. He wants to know how the Flint River water quality is as it relates to a drinking water intake, which is not necessarily the type of water quality assessment we conduct in WRD. We can certainly be part of the discussion if the topic of typical types of inputs to the Flint compared to other Michigan watersheds, but we wouldn't be able to make any statements as to how it compares to other drinking water intakes around MI. I would think someone from Office of Drinking Water and Radiological Protection would be better to answer that question. Thoughts?

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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
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You in today? Call my cell or tell me where you're sitting and I'll come see you.
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From: Alexander, Michael (DEQ)
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To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Steve Carmody interview. Can you do Friday?

Hi Brad,

Sometime later this afternoon would be best. It will give us a little more time to prep. I was home with a sick child and the rest of WRD was in training yesterday, Can you please verify for me that he wants to talk about water quality for Flint River, not drinking water treatment? Are there any particular items other than Flint's treatment system you want us to stay away from?