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From: Shoven, Heather <shoven.heather@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Crooks, Jennifer; Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Discussion with Michigan citizen regarding the Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation

Hi Steve,

Thank you for your quick response. I am relieved to see that the "water is safe to drink" is not in the notice.

Best wishes,
 Heather

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Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:40 AM
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Subject: RE: Discussion with Michigan citizen regarding the Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation

Here is the PN posting from the City's website:
<http://www.cityofflint.com/upload/TTHM%20Notification%20Final.PDF>

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From: Shoven, Heather [mailto:shoven.heather@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Crooks, Jennifer; Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Discussion with Michigan citizen regarding the Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation
Importance: High

Hi Steve and Mike,

I appreciate your work on this issue. Would you have a copy of the PN that was posted for the TTHM MCL? If they used the MDEQ template sent with the NOV, it should not include a line that the water is safe, which is quoted in the news article.

The notice from the city says Flint water is safe to drink but warns those with "a severely compromised immune system, (who) have an infant or are elderly" that they "may be at increased risk and should seek advice about drinking water from your health care provider."

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/01/flint_water_has_high_disinfect.html

I appreciate your time.

Best wishes,
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From: Crooks, Jennifer
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 2:13 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Cc: Shoven, Heather
Subject: RE: Discussion with Michigan citizen regarding the Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation

Steve and Mike: Thank you, Steve, for giving us the heads up on the TTHM violation in December. I guess the public notice went out recently; we've been inundated with calls from the SDWA hotline, as I'm sure you are too. One caller this morning wanted to know more about how EPA would get involved in the enforcement process, so I referred him to Heather Shoven, our Enforcement Chief. Below is her communication with Mr. Arthur Woodson, FYI.

I'm not sure if I asked you in December, Steve, but could you send me a copy of Flint's corrective action plan for the TTHM MCL violation when you receive it?

Thank you both for risking developing high blood pressure in dealing with Flint...

Jennifer

From: Shoven, Heather
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 1:53 PM
To: Crooks, Jennifer
Cc: Murphy, Thomas; Damato, Nicholas; Poy, Thomas; Bair, Rita; Deltoral, Miguel
Subject: FYI: Discussion with Michigan citizen regarding the Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation

Hi Jennifer,

I wanted to follow-up on our phone conversation by documenting my discussion with Mr. Arthur Woodson (810-288-1286) this morning regarding EPA enforcement and the recent TTHM MCL violation at the Flint PWS in Michigan (NOV that you provided is attached).

He was concerned about the contents of the news article at http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/01/flint_water_has_high_disinfect.html. Specifically, his uncle has cancer and the doctor mentioned that the DBPs in the water may be contributing to his uncle's health problems. I explained the health effects of DBPs and it being a chronic contaminant.