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**From:** Shaler, Karen (DEQ)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 10:19 AM  
**To:** Sygo, Jim (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ); Dykema, Linda D. (DHHS); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Krisztian, George (DEQ); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)  
**Subject:** FW: Citizen Response - Wayne Koper  
**Attachments:** RE: DHHS Complaint Number? - RE: environmental complaint filed on Oct. 8

FYI, I'm forwarding the DAG's response to the attached online complaint they received from Wayne Koper.

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**From:** Hart, Nancy (AG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 10:00 AM  
**To:** Shaler, Karen (DEQ)  
**Subject:** FW: Citizen Response - Wayne Koper

The email has issued (below).

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**From:** Michigan Attorney General  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 9:48 AM  
**To:** [wkoper@gmail.com](mailto:wkoper@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Citizen Response

November 5, 2015

Wayne Koper  
[wkoper@gmail.com](mailto:wkoper@gmail.com)  
 Citizen Inquiry No. 2015-cp10081942753-A

Attorney General Bill Schuette asked that I respond to your email regarding lead levels in the drinking water in Flint. The Attorney General has been monitoring this situation closely since he became aware of the lead levels in Flint's drinking water, and supports prompt action to ensure Flint residents have a clean and safe drinking water supply.

As I assume you are aware, in the spring of 2014 the City of Flint resumed using the Flint River as its source for drinking water (the City's source prior to the late 1960's). This occurred after the City announced it would be leaving the Detroit water system and getting its water from the (then) yet-to-be-constructed Karegondi Water Authority pipeline, which will bring water directly from Lake Huron. Unfortunately, as many of us have learned over the course of last several weeks, the switch to using water from the Flint River appears to have resulted in lead in drinking water service lines leaching into the drinking water.

Fortunately, steps are now being taken to address that problem. The City will resume receiving water from the Detroit water system until the pipeline from Lake Huron is completed, an action the Attorney General supports. The process began in late October, and I understand the switch back to the Detroit system will be completed within two weeks. In the interim, water filters and lead testing are being provided in the City, free of charge.

At least three reviews or investigations of the actions taken by the City and State are ongoing or planned. The Auditor General is conducting a review of the Department of Environmental Quality's drinking water program. He recently announced that audit will include evaluating the response to the Flint water situation.

Two weeks ago the Governor announced the creation of a Flint Water Task Force. The five members of this task force are from outside government, and include two doctors. Their charge will be to independently review the actions taken in relation to Flint's drinking water crisis, and to provide recommendations to improve practices in the future.

Finally, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently announced it is conducting a review of the response to the Flint water situation.

On behalf of Attorney General Bill Schuette, thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with our office.

S. Peter Manning  
Division Chief  
Environment, Natural Resources,  
and Agriculture Division

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Governor Rick Snyder and other Michigan elected/appointed officials have undeniably poisoned the children of Flint MI with water containing unsafe levels of the heavy metal lead causing irreversible damage to the health of these children and must be held criminally responsible for the severe damage inflicted. Immediate abatement of any and all known threat should be of paramount importance, anything less fails the citizens facing this lifelong threat.