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From: Crooks, Jennifer <crooks.jennifer@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 3:13 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.

Mr. Woodson stated that there is a Flint City Council Meeting this evening and he would like to talk about this issue during it. He wanted to know if EPA could take enforcement action if the state and the system are not doing anything to address the contamination. I explained the basics of primacy and SDWA enforcement and how EPA is able to issue a notice of violation to a public water system. I told him that we are aware of the violation and mentioned that the state NOV provides the opportunity for the PWS to develop a corrective action plan to address the MCL violation by March 1, 2015 and the next round of DBP samples will be collected in February.

I'll let you know if I hear anything else from Mr. Woodson. I appreciate you following up with MDEQ to request a copy of the PWS's corrective action plan for the TTHM MCL violation once it's received.

Best wishes,
 Heather

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From: Crooks, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 10:09 AM
To: Poy, Thomas; Bair, Rita; Damato, Nicholas; Shoven, Heather; Murphy, Thomas
Cc: Kuefler, Janet; Deltoral, Miguel; Nouredin, Mostafa; Porter, Andrea
Subject: FW: Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation

Attached is the Notice of Violation letter sent to Flint TODAY RE: TTHM violation.
 Jennifer

From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ) [<mailto:BUSCHS@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 9:18 AM
To: Crooks, Jennifer
Subject: FW: Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation

Jennifer,

Our TTHM Violation Notice to Flint is attached in case you get any calls. If you have any questions give us a call.

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 MDEQ
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From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 10:16 AM
To: Datema, Maggie (DEQ); 'Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) (WurfelB@michigan.gov)'
Cc: prysbym@michigan.gov; Richard Benzie P.E. (BENZIER@michigan.gov); Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ) (SHEKTERL@michigan.gov); Adam Rosenthal (rosenthala@michigan.gov)
Subject: Flint Drinking Water TTHM Standard Violation

Attached is a copy of the Violation Notice and Public Notice Template being mailed to the City of Flint by the DEQ Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance regarding an exceedance of the Maximum Contaminant Level standard for Total Trihalomethanes at certain locations within the City's drinking water distribution system.

You are being provided an electronic copy of this notice as exceedance of this drinking water standard is expected to generate inquiries from water system customers, news media, and the general public.

Maggie Datema will be informing members of the Michigan legislature.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, you may contact Michael Prysby, District Engineer, DEQ-ODWMA at 517-290-8817, or you may contact me at the number below.

Stephen Busch, P.E.