

Where do we stand on Flint water and next steps?

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Subject: PIO report

Sorry I missed the meeting. Had a couple conflicts. Here's what I want to share with you:

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3. **Flint Water:** had a meeting yesterday with a company Baird put in the room to discuss their ozone technology. It was a good conversation but a non-starter for several reasons (Flint already has an Ozone system to modify its water, this company hasn't had its system certified for use on public drinking water supplies, and the problem they propose to address is not at the water plant but throughout various sections of the distribution system). More broadly, Harvey is looking for a 'thing' the state can be doing for Flint that will position SOM / RS positively. Suggestions range from handing out home water filters (think Britta faucet mount) to passing out jugs of water. After consulting with our experts in the Drinking water program, what we've really come to at DEQ is that if there's funding from treasury (or some charitable donor foundation), the best short-term use of dollars would probably be to hire a company to 'pig' the lines in the distribution system. This is a routine maintenance activity in municipal systems that involves an in-line device under pressure that clears funk out of the lines. **The good news on Flint:** Flint EM Jerry Ambrose noted yesterday that the city has some work to do on its system in the weeks ahead; the TTHM issue is quickly going away; the 'brown water' folks are loud but really few in number; the consultants are doing their work to make suggestions to help the city prioritize its needs; and, broadly, nobody seems to be targeting the administration recently.

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