
From: Alexandra Billings <allibill@umich.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Re: Michigan Radio/NPR interview: Thurs 10/1 @ 11:35 AM

Understandable. Thanks for trying to make it work, Brad.

In his interview, Edwards made several accusations that the state mishandled the lead-in-water crisis (which he outlines in greater detail [here](#).)

Highlights:

- MDEQ failed to require corrosion control for Flint River water
- MDEQ misinformed the USEPA about Flint's corrosion control
- MDEQ revised the original LCR report which would have triggered federal law requiring residents be warned

I know the show starts in an hour but we would like to have your reaction. If you prefer, we could read a written statement on today's program.

If not, let's schedule a time for an interview early next week. Unfortunately we do not have a show tomorrow.

Thanks again,
 Alli

On Thu, Oct 1, 2015 at 1:45 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:
 Alli, my apologies. I'm in back to back meetings on this today and I just can't make it happen.
 We are planning an announcement, and I will get that to you as soon as the media advisory is finalized.
 Happy to schedule a time tomorrow for an interview, but the timing is just not working today.
 Again, sorry. Never my preference to miss an opportunity, and I appreciate your invitation.
 b
 Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 1, 2015, at 1:04 PM, Alexandra Billings <allibill@umich.edu> wrote:

Another update: I called and was able to reschedule our 1:25 interview so let me know if/when DEQ is available before 2:00 pm.

On Thu, Oct 1, 2015 at 12:57 PM, Alexandra Billings <allibill@umich.edu> wrote:
 Quick update: we've got another interview scheduled from 1:25-1:35 this afternoon. Otherwise, available up until 2 pm.

On Thu, Oct 1, 2015 at 11:24 AM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:
 Might be me. Working on that.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 1, 2015, at 11:23 AM, Alexandra Billings <allibill@umich.edu> wrote:

That works for us. I appreciate your help with this.

Just to be clear: Cyndy will be speaking with you or we don't know yet?

Thanks again,

Alli

On Thu, Oct 1, 2015 at 11:13 AM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

<WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Not confident that would be a productive format even if I could swing it.

On a conference call with EPA. Not sure when it will conclude, but I will make something happen for the noon - 1 slot.

Thanks, Alli.

b

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 11:04 AM, Alexandra Billings <allibill@umich.edu> wrote:

The idea was to get Edwards and DEQ in the same interview but we could also work out a conversation at a different time slot.

Cyndy (Stateside host) is available this afternoon between 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm as well as at 2:00 pm.

The show airs at 3 o'clock so that's about as late as we could push it.

Let me know what works best.

On Thu, Oct 1, 2015 at 10:59 AM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)

<WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

The time is going to be tough. But I'll find a way to get you someone, even if it's me. Can you work out a conversation at a different time slot, or was the idea to get Edwards and DEQ in the same interview?

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 10:38 AM, Alexandra Billings

<allibill@umich.edu> wrote:

Hi Brad,

Sounds like you're in meetings all day so I just wanted to reiterate that the phone interview with Marc Edwards is at 11:35 am.