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Wyant: We'll Test All Schools for Lead

Reflecting that the state has learned a lot from the lead water contamination problem in Flint, the state's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) director promised that all schools will be tested for lead year round.

"This needs to be done," Dan **WYANT**.

Asked for an update on the Flint water health problem, as he described it, he explains, "We're going to go above and beyond what's required in the lead-copper rule and their compliance testing." In cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) he added, "We've got to assure the public health is protected . . . Corrosion and the elimination of lead service lines is something we have to do across Michigan."

Wyant was interviewed on another issue prior to the meeting of the special Pipeline Safety Advisory Board regarding the future of Pipeline 5 underneath the Straits of Mackinac.

He said he does not know if there are safe alternatives out there that would allow the state to shutdown the line.

"If there are alternatives, that has to be considered" but he quickly added, "We just don't know."

The panel review of alternative delivery systems was mandated in an executive order by the Governor following the release of a task force report last July on the safety of the line itself (See "State Task Force: Straits Pipelines Stay Open," 7/14/15).

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