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Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 1:14 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV) (Wurfels@michigan.gov)
Subject: Proposed response: FW: RELEASE: Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

Dan's response has been essentially this:

"The Governor will decide. He has called for an independent, third-party After Action Review. That group will review local decision, the water plant operation, DEQ's actions and the EPA's role, and offer its findings and recommendations to the Governor. He will do the right thing."

From: Jacob Kanclerz [mailto:jacob@mirsnews.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 12:40 PM
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Subject: Re: RELEASE: Progress Michigan: MDEQ's Wyant Needs to Go

Never mind, you can stand down on this. We're going to write a story about Ananich wanting Senate Oversight to look into Wyant/DEQ. I don't have the audio yet to give you specific details, but if you want to comment on that prospect that would also work for me.

On Tue, Oct 20, 2015 at 11:57 AM, Jacob Kanclerz <jacob@mirsnews.com> wrote:
Brad,

Good morning. Would you mind calling me about this? Both the Dems and Progress MI are asking for Director Wyant to step down. I would like to know if that's an appropriate response to this situation. Let me know when you get a chance. Thanks.

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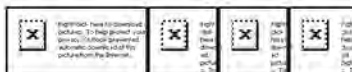
The Flint water crisis shows a lack of leadership at the MDEQ

LANSING — In the wake of the Flint water crisis, where children across the city were poisoned with high levels of lead in the drinking water, Progress Michigan is calling for the ouster of the head of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Dan Wyant.

Recent reports show that Wyant and the MDEQ were warned by the Environmental Protection Agency as early as February that lead was leaching into the water pipes in Flint due to the corrosive nature of the Flint River water. Gov. Rick Snyder's emergency manager made the switch from Detroit water to Flint River water.

"You can't simply reshuffle some staff at the department to make up for poisoning thousands of Flint children. When families and kids are told their drinking water is safe and it's actually filled with toxins, someone needs to be held accountable. It starts at the top with Wyant," **said Lonnie Scott, executive director of Progress Michigan.** "He needs to resign immediately or Gov. Snyder needs to quickly show him the door. This crisis was allowed to fester and grow under his watch and Wyant needs to go. Families in Flint deserve to know that Gov. Snyder is taking this problem seriously and is willing to take serious action."

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