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Today, Director Dan Wyant offered his resignation to Governor Snyder.

Dan Wyant has been an extraordinary DEQ Director, and I've been blessed and honored to serve him, Governor Snyder and the DEQ in the transformation of the agency over the past five years. Wyant is widely regarded for reforming the agency, within and without, rebuilding our connections to stakeholders and working to position DEQ as a key player in Michigan's economic recovery.

Our commitment from the outset was simple: Michigan shouldn't have to choose between a healthy environment and a healthy economy. We can have both.

We've focused on reforming the department culture to put customer service, environmental protection and partnership with stakeholders as the top priorities. I believe Dan Wyant's work in this department will endure for years to come.

The situation in Flint has been difficult for everyone, and we recognize that in addition to a lot of work in the months and years to come, the state must rebuild trust with the community. The issue of lead in drinking water is not limited to Flint. In fact, it is a troubling reality in communities around the state and nation, and an important one for our state leaders to resolve.

I have elected to follow Director Wyant and offer my resignation as well, to pursue new opportunities and make way for a new team to launch a fresh start at the DEQ in 2016. Thank you for all we've accomplished together, and I look forward to working with you in the future. b.

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