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Technical Team Members,

Attached please find the final copy of a letter to the health community along with a Frequently Asked Question list.

These documents are ready for distribution among your peers and others. We anticipate mailing out the actual violation notice at the beginning of next week.

I will email everyone on this list when we determine a date for the next Technical Committee Meeting.

Thank you,

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City of Flint Water FAQs



Is it currently safe to drink City of Flint water?

Yes. It's safe to drink, brush your teeth with, and bathe in the water. In the most recent water tests, in February 2015, all of the eight testing sites throughout the City were well below the maximum levels for total trihalomethanes (TTHM) recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). You do not have to boil your water or take other corrective actions. The need to issue another violation notice is based entirely on high TTHM levels in the past. The water today is comparable to Detroit's in safety and quality.

Where is the City of Flint in addressing the water situation?

The City has made great strides in ensuring the safety of its water supply. The amount of TTHM in the water has decreased consistently in the last year and is currently at a safe level. While the water is safe to drink, some areas may experience harmless discoloration and possible odor. The City is continuing to address those aesthetic quality issues.

When was the last water test conducted?

The last water sampling test was conducted Feb. 21, 2015. The City of Flint received results from the state lab on Feb. 27, 2015. These results showed that February's quarterly results were well below the contaminant level (MCL). The City also monitors its water on a daily basis to ensure that water quality remains within the established guidelines.

What is considered to be a contaminant?

Contaminants in water may include microbial contaminants such as viruses and bacteria, and inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally. In this case it is trihalomethanes, which are a byproduct of disinfecting water. The disinfection process is regulated by the Safe Drinking Water Act and has played a crucial role in advancing public health. It's important to note that drinking water, including bottled water, is reasonably expected to contain slight amounts of some contaminants. But the presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.