
From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:49 PM
To: Fonger, Ronald
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: Re: qualifications

Ron,
I am out of the office till next Tues; however, I am taking the opportunity to answer your question concerning qualification (certification requirements) for the Flint WTP. The city of Flint (WTP) is required to designate an Operator In Charge (OIC) holding an F-1 drinking water license. The F designation stands for Complete Treatment and the 1 designation stands for the level (based on pop served, greater than 20,000). Flint meets this requirement. Flint must also have a shift operator available having at least an F-4 license to cover shifts when the OIC is not present. The city employs numerous operators holding F-4, F-3, and F-2 licenses; thus, the city meets MDEQ's operator certification requirements.

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On Jan 15, 2015, at 9:33 AM, "Fonger, Ronald" <RFONGER1@mlive.com> wrote:

Hi Mike:

There's some reader conversation about the qualifications of those who operate the Flint Water Plant. I know there are requirements that some on staff have achieved a certain certification. I've heard city officials talk about that.

What are the certifications required and how many employees have to have achieved it?

Thanks,

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From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:54 PM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: Re: Flint Drinking Water

Very good, my extended leave message states I will be out till Tues and to contact Steve B if an emergency...or I can change it to have them call you!

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On Jan 15, 2015, at 12:43 PM, "Benzie, Richard (DEQ)" <BENZIER@michigan.gov> wrote:

Thanks Mike. I would still recommend to OEA that they forward calls to you and let the caller decide whether to leave a message or attempt to reach someone else in the Lansing District.

From: Prysby, Mike (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:31 PM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: Re: Flint Drinking Water

Richard,

I am out in the field today, flexing tomorrow, and out on Monday...I will respond to emergency calls but not sure if I should be taking Flint calls while out. I plan to participate in tomorrow's conference call from home with the City of Flint, DEQ, Gen Co. Concerning the upcoming public meeting on Jan 21st

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On Jan 15, 2015, at 12:22 PM, "Benzie, Richard (DEQ)" <BENZIER@michigan.gov> wrote:

Mike Prysby first, then Steve Busch, then Adam Rosenthal, all in the Lansing District. Oh, then me or Liane.

From: Drullinger, Dave (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:12 AM
To: Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: Flint Drinking Water

Hi Richard, OEA is getting calls and emails on the Flint drinking water issues. Do you have a contact person on that? Steve Busch?

Thanks.

== Dave