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Hi Nick and Dan,

Senior staff in the Governor's office has been crafting a communications plan for the next couple weeks concerning the Flint water crisis, and I wanted to keep you in the loop.

We're putting out our summary to media about the OAG's letter, released today. Gov. Snyder has set up a meeting with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver for next week. And we're releasing this statement (which still may go through a few more tweaks). It may go out tomorrow, possibly Wednesday:

*"I've been briefed on the recent meeting of the task force studying the Flint water situation and I've read the report from the Office of the Auditor General on the processes used by DEQ to monitor Flint water.*

*"The bi-partisan task force is working tirelessly to interview Flint, Genesee County, state and federal officials to complete its independent analysis. They are reviewing hundreds of documents at all levels of government and from the public health science community.*

*"I'd like to thank the task force for keeping me apprised of their continuing investigation. As they uncover more facts, it's clear to me we can do better. Their report may take another month or so, but if we need to make changes more swiftly, I plan to take immediate action.*

*"No matter what the testing requirements were, they were not enough to prevent this crisis.*

*"When it comes to matters of health and quality of life, we're committed to doing everything we can to protect the well-being of our citizens.*

*"I understand there can be disagreements within the scientific community. That is why I have told my directors at MDEQ and DHHS to invite every external scientist who has worked on the Flint water issue to the state laboratory facilities to work as partners with us. Together, we should be able to affirm that we're using the very best testing protocols to ensure Flint residents have safe drinking water and that we're doing proper monitoring and remediation of blood levels and other health impacts over the long term.*

*"These are only initial steps in our corrective actions. We fully expect to take more actions following the recommendations of our independent task force."*

*"I want the Flint community and all citizens of Michigan to know how very sorry I am that this has happened.*

*"But I know an apology isn't enough. We've already allocated \$10 million to test the water, distribute water filters, and help in other ways. On Thursday, I called Flint Mayor Karen Weaver, and we're going to sit down in the next week to discuss other ways the state can offer assistance.*

*"I want to assure residents there that we are working hard to resolve this crisis."*

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

- Meegan

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## Gov. Rick Snyder takes action on initial findings from Flint Water Task Force

*Changes to take place at DEQ, meeting planned with Mayor Karen Weaver*

In response to initial findings from the Flint Water Task Force, Gov. Rick Snyder today issued the following statement:

“When I became aware that the city of Flint’s water showed elevated lead levels and that the state’s handling of the situation was being questioned, I requested funding to switch the source back to the Great Lakes Water Authority and appointed an independent task force to identify possible missteps and areas for improvement.

“The task force has done an exceptional job, reviewing stacks of documents and interviewing scores of Flint, Genesee County, state and federal officials. Although the task force’s final report is not yet completed, members have made me aware of some interim findings and corrective steps that I have decided to take immediately in order to restore trust in how the state keeps its citizens safe and informed.

“We’ll continue to work with the community members to make sure we hear and