
From: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 2:47 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Conference Call w/Valerie Brader re: Genesee County

Excellent.

Dan Wyant, Director
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 517-284-6700 (New Number)

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 2:04 PM
To: Anderson, Madhu (DEQ); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Tommasulo, Karen (DEQ)
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Thanks. Mike Prysby just came to see me about an interview he gave Ron Fonger and one he's going to do with a local TV station in Flint later today. What I discussed with him was helping to tamp-down public concern by providing three messages of street-level perspective on the situation.

1. This notice does not represent any imminent health threat from the water in Flint. Folks can relax.
2. The notice is an example of the state's role (protecting public water supplies) at work. Public water supplies are tested regularly for all kinds of things. Some things (e.coli or giardia) are an immediate concern. This one is more a long-term concern, and we are working with the city to address it.
3. What's happening in Flint is not unheard of. It happens sometimes with systems that draw from surface water, as Flint is doing now.

From: Anderson, Madhu (DEQ)
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Thought you might want to see this as well.



From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 11:11 AM
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Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Shaler, Karen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
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Mike Prysby and I spoke with Valerie Brader this morning regarding emergency service/backup needs of Genesee County. Specifically, Valerie was interested in knowing whether Genesee County was required to have an agreement with DWSD for emergency service.

In short, there is no requirement under the Safe Drinking Water Act for the County to have an emergency interconnect with another supply. There are requirements for a supply to have adequate capacity and to be able to provide a means to continuously supply finished water during normal power service interruption. At this time, Genesee County is proposing design criteria that are acceptable for establishing its rated capacity, they are proposing to have interconnect agreements with Grand Blanc Township and the City of Flint, and they are proposing to have excess finished water storage capacity.

Please let us know if you have questions.

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