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Good afternoon,

The Communications Outreach Team had its November meeting this week on Thursday (11/12). It had been several months since the previous meeting. Attached are the notes with the division-level content, etc., including what I offered from ODWMA.

The next meeting is 12/10. Let me know if you have questions/requests for the Communications Outreach Team as well as if/when you have updates on what is currently making news (other than Flint drinking water) or has the potential to make news for me to share.

Thanks,
Jonathan

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Thank you all for your participation last Thursday. The after-meeting summary is attached. As always, please contact me any time if you see news developing in your district or division.

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Outreach Team Meeting Notes

Nov. 12, 2015

Executive

Flint water

- Constantly evolving situation that has been in the news daily, taking a lot of staff time in both Executive and ODWMA
- If you hear any questions from staff, feel free to call (or have them call) Karen at 517-284-6716. Since the situation is complex and evolving, I want to be available to answer questions.

Lake Erie Phosphorus Reduction Plan

- In June, Gov. Snyder signed an agreement with several provinces and states to reduce phosphorus inputs to Lake Erie by 40 percent.
- WRD released Michigan's plan on Nov. 2, and is accepting comment until Dec. 7. The plan includes:
 - Maintain the reductions achieved in discharges from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department as a result of tightened permit limits.
 - Modify the permit limits for the Wayne County Downriver Wastewater Treatment Plant to establish limits consistent with limits at the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.
 - Develop a specific plan to achieve the target reduction in the Maumee River basin, working in close partnership with Indiana and Ohio.
 - Help develop a better understanding of harmful algal blooms' presence, timing and cause in Michigan waters, including the Great Lakes.
 - Help develop a better understanding of the role of invasive mussels in causing Lake Erie algae blooms as well as the effects of potential invasive mussel controls.
 - Understand the specifics of what has caused a 36 percent reduction in phosphorus from the River Raisin since 2008 and continue to reduce nutrient loads that can contribute to site-specific or seasonal water quality fluctuations.

Meet Eric Shaw

- Eric joined the Communications Office two months ago, coming to us from MDOT.
- He is responsible for overseeing web content as well as producing videos.
- With his help as well as many others', the DEQ launched its fully redesigned website Nov. 16. The website is not stagnant, so if you see areas for improvement, contact Eric at 517-284-6726 or shawe2@michigan.gov.

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Changes to Air Pollution Control Rules Parts 1 & 2 out for public comment

- Extended comment period runs through Dec. 18, with two hearings in Lansing on Dec. 7