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VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Daniel Kildee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Kildee:

Thank you for your September 9, 2015, letter regarding your concerns for the drinking water in the city of Flint (Flint). The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is working closely with Flint's water department as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to ensure Flint residents have ample water that meets state and federal drinking water standards.

The MDEQ's role is to administer its nearly 40-year-old state drinking water protection program based on federal guidelines. The MDEQ works with approximately 11,500 public water systems in the state to monitor for more than 90 primary drinking water contaminants and ensure that every supply consistently provides safe drinking water.

In Flint, the city made a decision 18 months ago to switch drinking water sources. This change required them to take specific measures under the federal Lead and Copper Rule, which was enacted in 1991 to monitor water as it interacts with lead service connections and home plumbing. Flint's test results were conducted according to the same testing protocols every Michigan community uses and the same protocols Flint has used to test its water every three years for the past 25 years.

While the results from Flint's testing show compliance with the federal action level for lead and copper, on August 17, 2015, the MDEQ instructed the city to move forward expeditiously with developing additional corrosion control treatment to minimize the corrosive effects between drinking water and lead service connections and home plumbing in the Flint service area.

We appreciate and share your concern for the situation, and the MDEQ looks forward to providing you a detailed briefing next week. If you have any additional questions in the meantime, please contact Ms. Maggie Pallone, Deputy Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs, at 517-284-6704 or pallonem@michigan.gov; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Dan Wyant
Director