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Our latest attempt at responding to a citizen's concerns.
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For your records.

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. John D. Durand
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Dear Mr. Durand:

Thank you for your January 13, 2015 letter to President Obama concerning the quality of the drinking water in the City of Flint, Michigan (Flint). Your letter was forwarded to me for a response, since Flint's municipal water supply is located within the geographical boundaries of the Region 5 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

To respond to your letter, my staff contacted the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) District Supervisor for the Lansing District, Steve Busch, to discuss Flint's drinking water issues. Mr. Busch is aware of the multiple complaints from citizens. He and his staff are working closely with Flint's Water Department to ensure the distribution system and the water treatment processes work more efficiently and effectively. Since April 2014, Flint exceeded the health standards for *E. coli* in August 2014, for total coliform bacteria in September 2014, and TTHMs in the fourth quarter of 2014; all other regulated contaminants meet State and Federal health standards, as required under the Federal and Michigan Safe Drinking Water Acts (SDWA). Flint conducted the proper follow-up to the above violations as required by Federal and State regulations. Flint has returned to compliance the bacteria MCL violations that occurred in August and September 2014.

Compliance with the TTHM health standard is based upon the average of one year of sample data, from the most recent four quarters, at each sampling location. The initial monitoring in early summer 2014 reported elevated levels of TTHM compounds throughout Flint's distribution system. The MDEQ's Lansing District office advised Flint that it needed to immediately implement operational techniques at the drinking water treatment plant and in the distribution system to reduce the formation of TTHM compounds. Flint's actions have reduced TTHM concentrations to the point where the most recent results at all eight sample locations are below the drinking water TTHM health standard. Due to the exceedances in 2014, Flint must continue to provide quarterly public notification of TTHM concentrations. Flint continues to work with the MDEQ engineers to reduce the TTHM levels within the distribution system.

For further information regarding MDEQ's oversight and assistance to the City of Flint regarding its drinking water quality, you can contact Mr. Busch at: