
From: Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 8:30 PM
To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Listen to MDEQ Director Wyant respond to all our accusations on corrosion control and MDEQ's responses

Dan,

Given your call this morning and your apology, I am sorry about this tweet. I asked that it be taken down. I did not communicate with the team about our call earlier, and they are still obviously upset from our work being attacked. This group probably put an average of 250 volunteer hours each member, so I hope you can understand where they/we are coming from, and we also spent \$60K of our own money beyond the NSF grant.

I disagree with you about people not getting fired. Some of what happens goes beyond incompetence, and shows a complete disregard for the public we are sworn to protect. The first canon of civil engineering, is that the public welfare comes before everything else. When I heard about the attitude of your three employee's at that meeting on August 4th, I was outraged. I will still speak out to see them fired for their betrayal of the public, and I hope you can understand why. Their arrogance was completely unacceptable and should not be tolerated in a state public health employee.

That said, in recognition of your kind phone call today, I will tell my team that we need not defend ourselves further. It is a relief there is an adult at MDEQ afterall.

Best Regards,

Marc

From: Siddhartha Roy [mailto:sidroy@vt.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 7:58 PM
To: Marc Edwards
Subject: Re: Listen to MDEQ Director Wyant respond to all our accusations on corrosion control and MDEQ's responses

Should I take this tweet down then?



Flint Water Study @flintwaterstudy · 23m

Of course not. MDEQ's deceptions and cover-up deserve a gold medal!

Stateside Radio

Michigan's top environmental regulator says no one should lose their job over #FlintWaterCrisis michrad.io/1NFeJrQ

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On Tue, Oct 13, 2015 at 7:54 PM, Marc Edwards <edwardsm@vt.edu> wrote:

He called today and apologized to me, then he apologized on the radio too.

Marc

From: Siddhartha Roy [mailto:sidroy@vt.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 7:53 PM

To: Anurag Mantha; William Rhoads; Emily Garner; Min Tang; Christina Devine; Pan Ji; Margaret Carolan; Colin Richards; Kimberly Hughes; Kelsey Pieper; Fei Wang; David Schwake (otto; Alison Vick; Rebekah Hupp; Caitlin Wilkinson; Jeffrey Parks; Ni Zhu; Dongjuan Dai; Marc Edwards

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<http://michiganradio.org/post/mdeq-director-flint-water-crisis-has-shaken-faith-government>

"What is at issue is experience, rather than wrongdoing," Wyant said.

"Those protocols were followed," Wyant said. "What's at issue is whether those protocols are appropriate."

"And so if there was any disrespect or discredit for that I have to apologize and I have to take responsibility for that and so I am addressing it," Wyant said. "Clearly this is a real issue."

"I think trust is going to be a significant issue for us. The only way we build back trust is demonstrating that the water's safe."

<http://wkar.org/post/deq-chief-wyant-wrongdoing-staff-not-issue-flint-water-crisis>