
From: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 10:37 AM
To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Subject: FW: Questions about Flint Water system

Importance: High

Do you want a call arranged today after your 2:00 call?
 Thanks.

From: Jumana Vasi [<mailto:JVasi@mott.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)
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Hi Mary Beth --

I don't have Director Wyant's direct email address, so I'm hoping it is okay for me to send this message through you. Please advise if there is a better way to communicate with the Director.

As you can imagine, we are very concerned about the drinking water issues at Mott, per the article below. I anticipate that questions will arise for the Director regarding this issue when he joins us next week. I'd like the chance to talk with him about this in advance of our meeting. I am available all day today and can make myself available on Monday or Tuesday. Would it be possible for him to give me a call at his convenience? My cell phone number is 773.655.9412, which would be the best way to reach me. It is fine with me if he calls early or late in the day.

Thank you so much,
 Jumana

Kildee, state lawmakers want more info from regulators about Flint water



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FLINT, MI -- Federal and state elected officials representing the city want regulators to provide more information the safety of drinking water here.

U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Flint; state Sen. Jim Ananich, D-Flint; and state Reps. Sheldon Neeley and Phil Phelps want assurances about water quality and methods of testing in light of recent concerns about lead levels here.

Kildee wrote to Gina McCarthy, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Dan Wyant, director of the state Department of Environmental Quality, saying he is "very troubled" by recent tests suggesting high levels of lead in the city of Flint's water system.

Virginia Tech University students and faculty have posted the results of 252 water tests from Flint online, concluding the city has "a very serious lead in water problem."

The Virginia Tech testing so far has shown 16.7 percent of samples from the city registered more than 15 ppb of lead -- the federal threshold for lead in water.

State and city officials have said their tests since April 2014 show Flint meets the federal standard for lead and other contaminants in drinking water, but both the state and DEQ have recommended the city move quickly to develop a plan for making the water supply less corrosive to lead and lead solder in service lines and home plumbing.

The city began using the Flint River as its source of drinking water in April 2014 after the city of Detroit terminated its contract to continue selling water to the city.

The termination came after the city announced its intent to become a partner in the Karegnondi Water Authority, which is building a new water pipeline to Lake Huron to service Flint and Genesee County.

Virginia Tech professor Marc Edwards, who is heading the study of Flint water, has said the city's issues with lead are exacerbated because treated river water is much more corrosive than treated Lake Huron water that was purchased from Detroit for more than 50 years.

Ananich, Neeley and Phelps also wrote to Wyant, raising questions about lead levels in Flint water and the city's water sampling methods.

"Many of the decisions that led to the current situation occurred while a state-appointed manager was in control and MDEQ personnel were consulted about testing methods and how to address the situation," the letter says.

DEQ Communications Director Brad Wurfel said in an email to The Flint Journal-MLive that the agency appreciates "that the state representatives have concerns about what they are seeing in various forums on this issue."

"Obviously the department looks forward to briefing local legislative leaders and answering all of their questions," the statement says.