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Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2015 8:31 AM
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Subject: Fw: Flint

We'll need to discuss after we receive Miguel's report, but before the call later this month.

From: Hyde, Tinka <hyde.tinka@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 4:40 PM
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Cc: Monosmith, Carrie (DEQ); Henry, Timothy; Poy, Thomas; Bair, Rita; Damato, Nicholas
Subject: Flint

Hi Liane – I'm following up on the voicemail I left for you earlier today. I'm also copying Carrie Monosmith as I did get a chance to chat with her. In advance of our call scheduled for 7/21/15, I wanted to provide you with an update related to water quality challenges in Flint. I understand that some discussion occurred on June 10th with Tom Poy and staff during the semi-annual call regarding MDEQ's implementation of the LCR rule and the status of Flint. The Region is concerned about the lead situation in Flint and suggested that additional ORD assistance could be provided to Flint's Advisory Committee. We understand that the city is finishing up its second set of 6-month initial monitoring and I have scheduled a call with you on July 21st so we can discuss the Flint situation in more detail.

As you know, my staff have been out to Flint to collect samples and data which we felt could uniquely inform the NDWAC process and ultimately better inform the LCR rulemaking. Tom Poy asked Miguel Del Toral to prepare a report summarizing the visits and findings. Last week Miguel completed a draft interim report and provided it to management. Once Miguel addresses our comments, we will provide you with a copy of that report. In most cases, an internal EPA memo would not be distributed outside the agency, but given his interaction with the homeowner for one of the sampling locations, Miguel has shared a copy of the draft interim report as a courtesy with this Flint resident. Based on Miguel's initial analysis, elevated lead levels were found at this residence. In addition, it appears that the source of the lead may be from outside the home (Note: plumbing in the home is largely plastic).

Please know that Region 5 management is still being briefed on the lead issues in Flint and we look forward to the opportunity to discuss the situation with you in more detail so we can better characterize what MDEQ is already doing in Flint and how public health protection can best be provided to the citizens of Flint. If you would like to discuss this in advance of our call, please feel free to contact myself, or Tim Henry (312-886-6107). Thanks

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Subject: RE: AGENDA for Today's Call on Flint

Thanks Tinka.

During discussion issue #1, we would like to discuss our (hopefully, mutual) understanding of the timeline for next steps.

Also, while we understand your concerns with the overall implementation of the lead and copper rule(s); we think it is appropriate for EPA to indicate in writing (an e-mail would be sufficient) your concurrence that the city is in compliance with the lead and copper rule as implemented in Michigan. This would help distinguish between our goals to address important public health issues separately from the compliance requirements of the actual rule which we believe have been and continue to be met in the city of Flint.

And finally, we would also like to discuss our concern that the draft report was released by EPA and that we (DEQ) obtained a copy of the report from an outside (ACLU) website.

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Subject: AGENDA for Today's Call on Flint

Hi Liane – In preparation for our call today we've prepared an agenda (attached) with some background and discussion points. Please let me know if you have other items you wish to discuss. Thanks

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