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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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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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Subject: FW: here's the interim report

Heads up, I just did an interview with Michigan Radio (Lindsey Smith) regarding the lead issue in Flint.

Essentially, one of the residents complained to EPA about water quality in her home, and EPA's lead expert stopped by while he was in town to take some samples. He then completed a draft report and sent it – unvetted by Region V program brass – to the homeowner. That homeowner then leaked it to the ACLU, and the ACLU has been raising hell with it. There's a link to the draft below.

The situation is that Flint is now finishing a second round of statutorily required testing to determine whether the Ph of the Flint River water is causing a problem with lead and copper (popular water line material in old homes). The issue isn't lead in the source water, but in the premise plumbing. So far, tests on 100+ homes last year and another 100 this year are showing the city in compliance with lead and water, so we can say we're not seeing a problem, but we're only 70 % done processing the samples from January – December.

Thanks to Steve Busch for a great debrief on this yesterday afternoon.
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<http://www.aclumich.org/sites/default/files/file/EPAWaterReport062415.pdf>

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