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Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 2:04 PM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Cc: Browne, Elizabeth (DEQ); Lee, Lonnie (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Director's visit to Flint

The Director's visit to the Flint WTP went well. The WTP was in test-run operation at the time of the visit. I will be meeting with Lonnie at 2:30pm today for the DS conference call and can discuss the visit highlights in a bit more detail with you after the call, or at your earliest convenience.

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Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 4:43 PM
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Subject: RE: Director's visit to Flint

We will be interested in hearing how it goes - let us know when you have time to report back after the visit!

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Liz,

We still haven't heard anything from Flint on this....the city is very undecided on the direction to proceed and given their financial situation, this decision is even more difficult. I would not be surprised to see a city official (as part of the WTP visit) take the opportunity to pitch this concern to the Director.

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Very true - the Director really appreciates getting an understanding of DEQ programs, so any points you can work into the conversation (including the back-up requirements) will most likely be of interest - we all want to feel good about our drinking water. He lives in EL, so if you want to compare 2 plants (Flint and another) during the tour, East Lansing may be the way to go. What is the latest on Flint wanting to go it alone or to blend?

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Liz,

It may also be worth to stress the importance of the Flint WTP since the facility is city's only back-up source of drinking water in the event that the 72-inch pipeline from DWSD is taken out of service for emergency repair. The WTP played in critical role in maintaining a potable supply of drinking water thus protecting public health for over 100,000 people during two pipeline outages in 2009.

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You will be able to mention your recent successes in getting some of your small plants shut down and the transition to a more reliable water source as part of your event. It might be especially good to mention it in front of Brad Wurfel (as he has not responded to my earlier note on the subject). I know it is the Flint versus Genesee plant you are visiting, but it is still a good story. There are often also legislators in attendance and they should appreciate how you have worked to protect their constituents!

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