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Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 3:28 PM
To: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Shekter-Smith, Liane (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ); Wurfel, Brad (DEQ); Feuerstein, Heather (DEQ); Willard, Veronica (DEQ); Kinney, Deana (DEQ)
Cc: Rosenthal, Adam (DEQ)
Subject: Flint BWA

Ron Fonger (Flint Journal) contacted me concerning the status of the BWA in the southwest portion of the Flint water distribution system. I informed Mr. Fonger, that the MDEQ is authorizing the city to rescind the BWA based upon the absence of total or fecal coliform bacteria from any of the samples (system-wide set) collected yesterday (Aug 19th) and from the affected area on Monday Aug. 18th. Mr. Fonger asked whether the city or the MDEQ has identified a cause to the contamination. I responded that a direct cause has not been identified. The water utility inspected both reservoirs and noted a one vent screen not totally intact; however, the inside of the reservoir did not appear compromised. The screen was repaired. The water utility is continuing to investigate other potential system anomalies including unprotected cross connections, nearby water distribution system repairs and/or loss of pressure, and un-authorized connections. I concluded that the MDEQ will be providing the city, as soon as possible, a standard notice to rescind the BWA.

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