

DEQ Answer:

The mistakes that were made were primarily with respect to the tone that was used initially in our responses. The U.S. EPA has stated that there are ambiguities in the lead and copper rule and that the rule was open to interpretation. Both the sampling and corrosion control evaluation process were acceptable under the lead and copper rule.

We are currently focused on moving forward. We have developed a plan for moving forward and we are well on our way. We look forward to working with all of our partners so that the faith of the residents of Flint can be restored.

If you have need any further information, please let me know.

Thank you.

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Subject: FOLLOW UP QUEST

Dear Mr. Wyant,

Thank you again, for sitting down with us for an interview regarding the water crisis in Flint.

I have a couple of quick questions to clarify if you can please help answer these today:

1 – What is the current method that the state is using to test the water in Flint?

How, specifically, is it different (or the same as) the testing that occurred prior to the public recognition of a lead risk in the water?

Does pre-flushing occur now?

Is the state using wide-mouthed bottles or narrow bottles?

Is the water sampled at a slow rate as it is coming from the faucet?

2 –When you admitted a mistake in the “proper protocol,” in October, were you referencing more than one specific protocol, or just the lack of corrosion control?

Thank you!

Sincerely,
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Subject: one additional question...

Hi Mr. Wyant,

In addition to the last email I sent, I wanted to clarify one more comment you made to make sure I clearly understand to which "protocol" you were referring.

In our interview, you said the following, "Simply said, the protocol that we were using - I do not believe it is protective of public health and therefore more needs to be done in our testing protocol to ensure that we're identifying risk. We're addressing lead exposure and we are dealing with the issue proactively. Flint deserves safe drinking water."

Are you referring to the method by which the state was testing for lead in the water when you use the word protocol in this statement?

Thank you for your help with these three questions.
Our story is scheduled to air December 16, at 9:30pm.

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