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Subject: MDEQ response to letter regarding Flint water
Attachments: Flint Water Response.pdf

Attached please find the MDEQ's response to your September 10, 2015, letter regarding Flint drinking water.

Thank you,
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Dear Senator Ananich and Representatives Neeley and Phelps:

Thank you for your letter of September 10, 2015, regarding water quality in the city of Flint (City). Your interest in this matter is appreciated. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) takes seriously its responsibility to ensure safe drinking water for all Michigan residents. The MDEQ maintains a robust public water supply regulatory program through long-standing partnerships with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the state's regulated public water systems.

With respect to the draft memo referenced in your letter, the MDEQ does not review or receive draft memos from the USEPA, nor would we expect to while it is a draft.

Regulations associated with lead, copper, and corrosion control require communities to monitor water quality at customer taps. The monitoring protocols for sampling home water attempt to represent actual home water use, and they allow the MDEQ to get consistent results for year-over-year comparisons.

It is important to recognize that any home with lead plumbing or service connections will impart some amount of lead to water samples. While the compliance monitoring for lead in the City has not exceeded the federally-established Action Level, either before or after the City switched sources and treatment methods, there has always been