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Importance: High

Today's updates on Marc Edwards' site. His staff is phone calling and emailing results to citizens. Talk at 2.

From: Porter, Andrea
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Hi All,

Today, activists delivered a petition (with ~27,000 signatures) asking Flint to immediately switch back to Detroit water:
<http://www.abc12.com/news/headlines/Crowd-gathers-outside-Flint-City-Hall-demands-switch-to-Detroit-water--323442421.html>

And, in case you haven't checked the Marc Edwards Flint site today, there are more Pb results posted:
<https://flintwaterstudyupdates.wordpress.com/>

"Analysis of water samples from an additional 72 Flint homes are concerning
 August 31, 2015 flintwaterstudy Articles

Over the weekend, we analyzed another 72 lead samples collected by Flint residents and mailed to Virginia Tech. For the 120 samples analyzed to date, forty two percent were over 5 ppb, which suggests a serious lead in water problem according to our experience and criteria.

Twenty-three (20% of the 120 samples collected to date) also exceeded the 15 ppb lead action limit. The highest lead sampled in first draw so far was 158 ppb, and the highest sample after 45 second flushing is 1,051 ppb. Six of 120 homes sampled (5%), had over 15 ppb lead even after 2 minutes of continuous flushing.

The 90thile lead level in the Flint Water Study is currently 30 ppb, which is double the EPA standard applied to homes with "worst case" lead plumbing, and in a range where water consumption has caused lead poisoning in children and adverse pregnancy outcomes. Needless to say, these data are very worrisome, especially considering that our survey did not target "worst case" lead plumbing systems as is required for EPA sampling.

Look at our summary page here for more details. We just heard that we are approaching the 250 (out of 300) mark of returned kits and we couldn't be more grateful and proud of Flint's citizen scientists. Please continue collecting samples, as larger number of samples helps to draw stronger conclusions. More samples may also help Flint residents understand what regions of the city and the types of plumbing systems that have the most serious lead problems. We are also contacting homes with high lead levels via phone and email and all sampled residents will receive their results via regular mail."

There's also this part about how residents with high results in the first round were called:
"Informing Flint Residents about lead in their water"

All Flint residents who returned their lead kits will receive their results via regular mail. You will also receive this document on how to interpret your lead results. For the first 48 lead kits analyzed so far, we have finished calling residents who had considerably high lead in their water. For those we couldn't get through, we left voicemail messages and sent an email."

Thanks,
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