

To: Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: BBC World Service request for interview

Thanks for getting back to me Dave,

I am working towards tomorrow's programme and will need to hand over in a couple of hours to the overnight team.

We normally pre-record between 6 and 9 pm your time and go live on air from 10 pm your time. We could arrange either for a pre-rec or a live - your call. If you are talking about the written response, I would appreciate if you send it through in the next couple of hours.

Best wishes,
Natalia

From: Murray, David (GOV) [<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>]

Sent: 23 December 2015 16:34

To: Natalia Golysheva

Subject: RE: BBC World Service request for interview

Hello Natalia,

What is your deadline (U.S. Eastern time)

Thank you!

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From: Natalia Golysheva [<mailto:Natalia.Golysheva@bbc.co.uk>]

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To: Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>

Subject: BBC World Service request for interview

Importance: High

Hi Dave,

Thank you for your time on the phone.

As discussed, the BBC World Service has run a story yesterday on the Flint water crisis, where we spoke to the local paediatrician who has uncovered the pollution, and a local citizen who has suffered from it. Here is the link to the story <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03ctmmy>

It generated a strong interest and we have decided that it would be fair to give the State authorities the opportunity to respond.

I appreciate what you said about providing us with the written response, but as we are a radio programme, we would really appreciate speaking to a representative, ideally the governor himself. In the absence of a voice from your side, we will have to re-run part of yesterday's coverage to remind the audience of what happened, however we would much rather hear from your office to balance the coverage. I would appreciate if you let me know should that be an option. This won't take more than 5 – 10 minutes and could be done over the phone, ideally between 6 and 10 pm this evening EST.

Please be assured that we are not after for an intense defence response or a blaming game. What we are looking for is an account of what happened from the governor's position – as many residents we've been speaking are very angry with the state authorities.

I don't have specific questions as much as a request to hear your take on the story – how did it happen that the residents were effectively poisoned? What is the governor's reaction to the discovery of evidence of ignoring the data about lead poisoning? http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/flint-michigan-water-lead_56784055e4b0b958f657595c Finally, many people are calling for governor to resign as a result of this scandal. How does he feel about what happened?

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Many thanks in advance,
Natalia

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