
From: Chastity Pratt <cpratt@bridgemi.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 11:27 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Re: Story on Flint drinking water

Thanks!

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 5:15 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

Hi Chastity, here you go:

Flint residents deserve clean, safe water. Emergency Manager Jerry Ambrose and his management team are working closely with the state Department of Environmental Quality on a variety of aspects regarding the city's water supply. The state government has worked closely with Flint leaders on a number of issues affecting residents, such as public safety. State agencies will continue to be a resource where and when possible on this and other issues.

Dave

From: Chastity Pratt [<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 12:33 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Re: Story on Flint drinking water

I have been in contact with Steve Busch at DEQ. He's working on getting some responses for me.

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 12:29 PM, Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov> wrote:

You might want to run some of those past Brad Wurfel at the DEQ, too. He's the expert of some off the technical questions.

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On Jan 26, 2015, at 12:27 PM, Chastity Pratt <cpratt@bridgemi.com<<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>>> wrote:

Gotcha. At the same time, could you also provide a comment since the letter was addressed to the governor?

My story will highlight that the mayor asked for some increased state involvement, investment and policy changes; specifically, he recommended/asked that:

1. Water testing data be reported publicly no less than quarterly by law in all Michigan communities in Flint's population category
2. Federal and State partnerships be designed to establish new Drinking Water Emergency Assistance Fund for the elderly and vulnerable families
3. Water systems improvements outlined in the City of Flint Capital Improvement Plan be accelerated through Federal and State Investments; State approves City of Flint's Distressed Cities Fund applications

Which of these is doable or under consideration?

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 12:13 PM, Murray, David (GOV)

<MurrayD1@michigan.gov<<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>>> wrote:

He's the expert on all things Flint water.

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On Jan 26, 2015, at 12:11 PM, Chastity Pratt

<cpratt@bridgemi.com<<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>>>> wrote:

Good idea!

I called the Flint EM directly but will call Terry, too!

Thanks,
-cpd

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 12:06 PM, Murray, David (GOV)

<MurrayD1@michigan.gov<<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>><<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov><<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>>>> wrote:

Sure thing, but have you contacted Terry Stanton in Treasury? He's the place to start, as EMs fall under Treasury.

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On Jan 26, 2015, at 11:53 AM, Chastity Pratt

<cpratt@bridgemi.com<<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>>><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>><<mailto:cpratt@bridgemi.com>>>> wrote:

Hi, Dave,

I am working on a deadline story about Flint's drinking water. My story will focus on state involvement and state policy.

My major questions:

1. What is the governor's response to the letter Mayor Walling sent last week asking for assistance?
2. What other state agencies - if any - can help residents (especially the poor) who are asking for help filtering water or getting higher quality water?
3. Essentially - with some residents complaining about the water quality - what can the state do to help?