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Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: RE: flint river

OK. Is reconnection to Detroit an option that's still being considered by the governor?

From: Murray, David (GOV) [<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 1:52 PM
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Thanks for the insight. That helps! I'm sure Brad filled you in on the Wyant conversations.

The governor and state agencies continue to work with city and community leaders on a variety of approaches to help residents and ensure they have clean, safe water. It's important that residents have access to accurate information, and know where they can get their homes tested and have access to medical tests that will ease their minds. Both the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Human Services are working closely with the city and evaluating data to assist the Flint leaders as they make decisions for their city moving forward.

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I've got some context. He was referring specifically to the final order from Jerry Ambrose that said the EM's actions couldn't be undone immediately by the mayor or council.

Walling said the governor would need to support such changing an action of the former EM.

Also, while Walling said reconnection with Detroit is part of the discussion with the state, he did not say he will ask the governor to do it.

He said after the news conference that he has no plans to make the request but said it has been part of ongoing discussions.

Here's a link to our live stream.

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/09/watch_live_flint_lead_in_water.html#incart_river_home

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I can give you information from the governor, but Brad can help with the director. I'm not sure what the mayor means by "support of the governor." Did he elaborate? Can you ask him exactly what he wants the governor to do?

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Hi Dave/Brad:

Mayor Walling said today that at his meeting with DEQ Monday there was discussion of switching Flint back to Detroit water.

He said Director Dan Wyant specifically discussed the possibility but Walling would not characterize what Wyant said on Monday or what his position was on such a shift.

The mayor said today he believes use of the Flint River presents "an increased risk" of elevated lead levels because of the corrosiveness of the water.

He said it would take the support of the governor to change the water source back to Flint. He described discussions about reconnecting to Detroit as ongoing.

You may have seen these comments as we live streamed the news conference on MLive.

I'm interested in the director's position on the potential for reconnecting Flint to Detroit water but especially the governor's position given the mayor's comments today.

Thanks for your help. I have about two hours before I need to get this posted.

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