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Subject: RE: Flint Water Issue - Rep. Kildee Letter Received By Federal Agencies

Many thanks, Chris.

There have been a LOT of conversations and work (and history) on this issue, primarily with both DEQ and DHHS lately, and Treasury previously. Sounds like you definitely got a large part of status update and lay of the land.

Let's touch base tomorrow and can fill you in further. And any insight on any potential use of mitigation funds would be incredibly helpful. We'll make sure to keep MSP EMHSD in loop with other state agencies too moving forward as this issue and infrastructure challenge isn't going away anytime soon.

Thanks again,
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DHHS just advised me there have been discussions with Nick Lyon and the Governor's Office on this issue. DHHS also advised me that DEQ was involved and DHHS would probably be the Public Health Advisor in Flint this week ... not sure exactly what that will mean.

F/Lt Covey spoke to Jen Boyer, the Genesee County EM, and reported the following:

- This is the first she has heard about the Kildee letter.
- She mentioned that a year ago she was aware of a letter that was written to Governor Snyder.
- To her knowledge, the water in Flint is still meeting EPA standards.
- She mentioned that the infrastructure (including residential homes) is old and may be part of the problem, not just because water is from the Flint River.
- She believes the city could connect to the county system if needed.
- The city is supposed to be connecting to a new pipeline from Port Huron in the spring of 2016 which will provide a solution, but the city infrastructure will still require repair.
- She reported The Detroit water system knew Flint would one day connect to this new pipeline, so they raised rates 50%.

Tomorrow Tony Katarsky will speak with our mitigation offices on potential use of 4195 (SE MI disaster) mitigation funds and if they could be used to assist with infrastructure fixes. There is a 25% local match to the federal funds.

Attached is the FEMA response to Rep. Kildee. He may not get it for a couple of days but I told FEMA I wanted a copy and it just came through. Please hold it within the Governor's Office and this group for situational awareness so we do not get ahead of FEMA. FEMA advised him that local or private sector resources would be more expedient and practical.

Chris

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Importance: High

Attached are two documents for your information: 1) A letter from US Representative Kildee to Craig Fugate of FEMA, HHS, EPA, and CDC and 2) a PowerPoint on Flint water concerns. Essentially, Representative Kildee is requesting FEMA take action to resolve potable water quality issues associated with the Flint water system.

This is the first we heard of the letter and I actually found out from the FEMA Region V Director when he called me about an hour ago. He and I discussed a few things on this and he will respond advising they need to work through the local EM system in MI (engaging the local EM and then EMHSD). They also are working through the local health department as I confirmed with Dr. Scott from DHHS. If Flint needs water or want water the first step is to handle it locally (at least on the EM side and then push up any gaps they cannot fill to us). We are not aware of any work the local EM has done in this regard. I will be with the FEMA Region V Director as well as the FEMA Administrator, Craig Fugate, this week if they have questions.

I have advised Dr. Jackie Scott from DHHS and will be sending her the letter and ppt.

Chris

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