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Nora ...

Would say that we believe protecting public health is paramount and safe, clean, accessible drinking water is essential. The Governor and Administration, through both DEQ and the MI Dept of Health & Human Services, have outlined a collaborative, comprehensive action plan to help ensure just that as well as public confidence, and that we're all working together across local, state and federal levels to bring all resources and ideas to bear.

Thanks and best,  
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Good morning. Do you have any comment on this request for an investigation? Is the governor looking into how the DEQ missed the problem? Writing today, deadline 4 p.m. Though of course this is an ongoing story.

Thanks ..

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# Sierra Club Calls For Urgent Action on Snyder Water Plan, Probe of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Friday, October 2, 2015**

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LANSING—Sierra Club today called on Gov. Rick Snyder to act decisively and urgently to implement plans to end the public health crisis in Flint and to support an independent investigation into the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's oversight of federal drinking water laws.

“Given the clear risks to vulnerable populations and the state’s public health responsibilities this is a time for strong leadership and accountability from state public health authorities and the governor,” said **David Holtz, Sierra Club** Michigan Chair. “The governor, finally, is assuming direct responsibility for responding to a crisis that every day is damaging the health of Flint’s children. His actions should be much stronger, however, and he needs to find out how we got to the point where Flint children are drinking lead and what the MDEQ’s role was in those decisions and actions.”

The Snyder administration today outlined a series of steps they will take to address Flint’s public health crisis. They include accelerated and expanded water treatment, providing filters to some residents, expanded testing of residents and an examination of whether to temporarily switch back to the Detroit water system. Replacing Flint’s lead pipes over time were also on the administration’s to-do list.

Sierra Club Michigan Director **Gail Philbin** said only independent testing of Flint’s water for lead will be credible because of questions raised regarding the city and MDEQ’s handling of past test results.

“Parents need to know drinking water is safe for their children,” said Philbin. “Immediately they need credible testing for lead and alternatives to contaminated water. The likely best way