

Hi Dave, is Gov. Snyder going to appoint a "crisis responder" to oversee the Flint situation?

Am I missing something with Ananich's request for such? My sense is that he's trying to express dissatisfaction with the task force.

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Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich Wants More Urgency from Governor, Trained Emergency Coordinator on the Ground

LANSING, Mich. — Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D–Flint) responded to today’s release of Flint Water Task Force correspondence. He reiterated specific actions that would help organize efforts with the Flint water crisis, including bringing in a trained emergency management professional to coordinate assistance within the City of Flint.

“Political appointees and public relations people are what got us into this mess, and they aren’t who we need leading us out of it,” Sen. Ananich said. “Anything less than a professional trained in emergency management or public health will not suffice.”

Sen. Ananich requested a crisis responder from the Michigan State Police, the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Homeland Security.

“Dashboards and nice words won’t cut it — our community needs action and answers. While I appreciate that the task force seems to recognize it needs to recommend changes before they release their final report, the administration still doesn’t seem to comprehend how devastating this crisis is and that it’s far from over,” Sen. Ananich said.

In addition to calling for more urgency, Sen. Ananich has pushed for stronger legislative oversight and hearings, and additional resources for those families suffering from lead overexposure.

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