
From: Lindsey Smith <lmsmi@umich.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 4:11 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Cc: Murray, David (GOV); Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Subject: Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Independent Review Confirms State Made Decision to Use Flint River, Failed to Ensure Corrosion Control

10-4. Can't fit into a 40 second headline but will quote in web version. Best~

On Mon, Dec 28, 2015 at 3:30 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

We agreed with the findings in the Auditor General's review. The findings align with our internal department review. We appreciate the Auditor General's work to provide a fair and well considered look at some key issues.

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Brad Wurfel

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PPI (cell)

From: Lindsey Smith [mailto:lmsmi@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 2:17 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: Re: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Independent Review Confirms State Made Decision to Use Flint River, Failed to Ensure Corrosion Control

I did. Gladly, cause, you know, there's a hell of a lot more in that than how these two would like to paint things. Anyway, let me know if you *do* want to have a say - deadline 330p please and thanks.

On Mon, Dec 28, 2015 at 2:11 PM, Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) <WurfelB@michigan.gov> wrote:

Did you get a copy of the letter?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 28, 2015, at 1:46 PM, Lindsey Smith <lmsmi@umich.edu> wrote:

Hi Brad,

Not sure if they're just late to the party or sitting on this or what (it's dated Dec 23rd) but editors have deemed this worthy of a couple spot news headlines today. Let me know if you'd like to comment.

Best~

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From: **Angela Wittrock** <AWittrock@senate.michigan.gov>

Date: Mon, Dec 28, 2015 at 1:01 PM

Subject: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Independent Review Confirms State Made Decision to Use Flint River, Failed to Ensure Corrosion Control

To: Angela Wittrock <AWittrock@senate.michigan.gov>

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Lawmakers Ananich, Neeley call for more answers, resources

LANSING, Mich. — Senate Democratic Leader Jim Ananich (D–Flint) and State Representative Sheldon Neeley (D–Flint) responded today to an independent review that confirmed that Michigan’s Department of Environmental Quality failed to ensure proper corrosion control was used to treat Flint River water and that the State was responsible for the decision to use the river as the City of Flint’s primary drinking water source.

The letter from the State Auditor General was the initial response to questions raised by Sen. Ananich in October. The Auditor General is working on a more thorough review and expects to have additional information in the coming months.