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**From:** Holland, Meegan (GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2015 4:07 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Question about the story

The quote can be interpreted a few ways, and unfortunately the interpretation cited by Paul isn't favorable. I interpreted it to mean "I hope it's below AL" but I can see how others would interpret otherwise.

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Thanks Dave I can tweak that graf or add line from auditor general's report, but there was a lot more to it than dropping two samples. DEQ official sent Flint an emails saying so far Flint is over the AL and I hope you can send me samples below AL. Also DEQ didn't scrutinize or drop other samples that didn't meet the criteria. So I will take another look at that graf but overall I don't think what it says is inaccurate.  
Paul

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**From:** Murray, David (GOV) [<mailto:MurrayD1@michigan.gov>]  
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Hi Paul,

I saw this line in your story:

The Free Press reported Thursday that records obtained by the Michigan ACLU and Virginia Tech researcher Marc Edwards show elevated lead levels in Flint's drinking water would have spurred action months sooner if the results of city testing that wrapped up in June had not been revised by the DEQ to wrongly indicate the water was safe to drink.

I was wondering if that aspect was addressed in the OAG letter yesterday. I don't think anyone at the Freep wrote about that letter. That issue is discussed in depth on page 6, and the OAG said it was "appropriate" for the DEQ to drop the two water sampling sites.

I've attached the letter to this email so you have the opportunity to give it a quick read. Let me know if we are talking about two different things.

Thanks!

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