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Subject: RE: GM Tech Center Build 7000 water main break health concern
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Dear Kenneth Hreha:

Thank you for your November 22 and November 24, 2015, e-mails to Director Dan Wyant, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), concerning the General Motors (GM) Tech Center drinking water issue. Director Wyant has referred your e-mails to me for response.

As you may know, the DEQ regulates public water supplies in accordance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399). Public water supplies, like the city of Warren, are subject to regulation by the DEQ on all publicly-owned and maintained facilities. The city of Warren is responsible for water main leading up to the perimeter of the GM Tech Center property. The water system within the GM Tech Center property boundary is not publicly-owned or maintained and is considered "customer site piping" as defined in Section 325.1002(f) of Act 399. Customer site piping is specifically exempted from regulation as a public water supply under Act 399. Similar to internal plumbing, responsibility for customer site piping lies with the owner of the property or facility. In this case, responsibility lies with GM.

Your November 22 e-mail indicated that GM provided employees with bottled water for consumption during repair activities. Additional concerns pertaining to adequate sanitary facilities and access to restrooms should be directed to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). Concerns related to food service should be directed to the Macomb County Health Department. Following are links to the MIOSHA and the Macomb County Health Department Web sites:

<http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-11407---,00.html>

<http://health.macombgov.org>

Should you require further information concerning public water supply regulation, please contact Kristina Donaldson, Southeast Michigan District Supervisor, Field Operations Section, Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA), at 586-753-3759; donaldsonk@michigan.gov; or DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092.

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State of Michigan,
Department of Environmental Quality,
Director Dan Wyant;

Mr. Wyant,

Considering that the Detroit print media is reporting that MLK H.S. in Detroit will be closed Monday 11/23/15 due to a water main leak, why is it that Building 7000 at the GM Tech Center experienced a water main break on Friday Nov. 20, 2015 and remained opened for the entire day and the +225 GM/Aerotech employees assigned to the 3rd floor were required to work with no city water to use for the toilets breaks.

The employer GM/Aerotech did provide cases of brand name bottled water to use, but many GM/Aerotech workers remained highly unsettled and were concerned about possible negative health effects and the potential to become ill with no adequate amount of water to use on restroom breaks. There are an number of pregnant women working on this floor.

Wouldn't the GM Tech Center building 7000 be required to undergo testing by the City of Warren Detroit Water and Sewerage Department to determine if the building is safe and go through the process of ensuring the water feeding into the building meets quality standards?

Please investigate, find out if requiring GM /Aerotech employees to remain and work in a building with no water to use for restroom breaks is legal or did the employer GM/Aerotech not follow protocol and violate the law and put GM /Aerotech employees at-risk of a health danger.

Best regards,
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