
From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 3:13 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: FW: Reporter seeking a response to Virginia Tech's Flint Water Study findings

Importance: High

Need a phone call to discuss this with either of you.

Thanks.

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From: Curt Guyette [<mailto:cguyette@aclumich.org>]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 2:41 PM
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Dear Mr. Wurfel,

After testing more than 250 homes in Flint, researchers at Virginia Tech have continued to find dangerously high levels of lead in many of the homes being sampled.

They are unequivocal in their findings, stating that: "Flint has a very serious lead in water problem."

These results run contrary to the city and MDEQ's assertions that the city of Flint is in compliance with U.S. EPA Lead and Copper Rule compliance standards. In fact, based on Virginia Tech's results – which are much more extensive, having tested nearly four times as many homes as the city tested during the first half of 2015, and the VT researchers have not specifically target high-risk homes, as the city is required to do for the LCR monitoring – the city is actually well out of compliance.

I was hoping you would be able to provide the MDEQ's position regarding VT researchers' purported findings, and the contradictory conclusions..

Virginia Tech's methodology and results have been posted on a web site dedicated to the project (flintwaterstudy.org/), so it is clear from their end how they have approached this project, and exactly what they've done, and what they've found.

It would be very helpful to have the MDEQ's views on all this for my upcoming story.

I am working on a deadline and would very much appreciate a response by the end of the day tomorrow, Sept. 11.

I appreciate any help you can provide in my reporting on this very important public health issue.

Sincerely,

Curt