
From: Kaffer, Nancy <nkaffer@freepress.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 5:17 PM
To: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Subject: RE: Flint water

I'm familiar with the state emergency manager law, thanks. I'm not clear on why it's such a matter of contention that Darnell was EM during a time period in which he was EM?

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From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 5:15 PM
To: Kaffer, Nancy <nkaffer@freepress.com>
Subject: Re: Flint water

Having Terry Stanton at Treasury call your cell now to walk you through the state's emergency manager law and time frames for Flint during this entire time period.

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> On Sep 25, 2015, at 5:10 PM, Kaffer, Nancy <nkaffer@freepress.com> wrote:

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> Sara, that's just not true. News stories from the time the switch was made clearly show that Darnell Early was EM.

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> From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov]

> Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 5:09 PM

> To: Kaffer, Nancy <nkaffer@freepress.com>

> Subject: Re: Flint water

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> Ed Kurtz was the EM at the time. Important to remember that the emergency manager had the final say - with ultimate sign off by Treasury-on making the change, but also did so at the strong urging of Flint city leaders. This was not a

decision that was forced upon the city. Exact opposite actually.

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> Emergency managers often try to work closely with mayors and city councils, getting recommendations from the local communities they are serving. The decision to make the switch during the construction of the Karegnondi pipeline came after an 8-1 vote by the City Council and strong endorsement by the mayor and Genesee County leaders. The move also came after a series of upgrades to Flint's water treatment plant, testing and an independent analysis of water rates and quality.

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>> On Sep 25, 2015, at 4:14 PM, Kaffer, Nancy <nkaffer@freepress.com> wrote:

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>> Deadline question for a column due today. :)

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>> From: Kaffer, Nancy

>> Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 2:54 PM

>> To: 'Wurfel, Sara (GOV)' <Wurfels@michigan.gov>

>> Subject: RE: Flint water

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>> Hi Sara - A little confused by your response. Not sure if Darnell Earley was EM when the decision was made to use Flint River -- It may have been Michael Brown? He was EM when the decision was made to join the Karegnondi Water Authority but I'm not sure about the decision to switch to Flint River water and stop using DWSD, but regardless, he's an EM appointed by the governor -- but I'm unclear why you guys would sign off on something as important about the integrity of an entire city's water supply if you had "severe reservations"? Any light you could shed on that would be much appreciated.

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>> Also, not clear what the Genesee Board of Commissioners has to do with it? They're a separate water customer and have continued to use DWSD while Karegnondi is under construction.

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>> Our data analyst has been in contact with HHS. Story on that is forthcoming.

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>> From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV) [mailto:Wurfels@michigan.gov]

>> Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:26 PM