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Emergency Manager Statement on Residents' Flint River Water Concerns

Flint, Michigan January 9, 2015 The City of Flint's Emergency Manager Darnell Earley today released a statement regarding residents' Flint River water safety concerns following the distribution of the total trihalomethanes violation letter:

"Suggestions have been made that the City of Flint should return to using water purchased through the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD). For many reasons, financial and otherwise, the City of Flint can ill-afford to switch courses at this point. Thus, we will continue to follow the guidelines and directives of the Michigan DEQ in the implementation of our water quality plan and operational report, until the KWA water source is available. The estimated cost to go back to the water provided by the DWSD is approximately \$1 million per month and the City expects to be using the Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) Lake Huron water within the next eighteen months. It is not financially prudent to spend \$18 million to purchase water that meets the same DEQ standards as the water now available from the Flint River.

However, because of the concerns raised by the public, as well as the city council and our state legislative delegation, we want to make sure that the Flint water treatment operation is doing everything it can to address the challenges outlined in the recent violation notice issued by the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). We will be seeking river water management consultants with extensive treatment expertise to work with the Flint Utilities Department staff to assure that best practices are being used for treatment and

distribution of the Flint River water. This is a much better use of the City's limited funds than trying to pursue a course back to DWSD."

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