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Subject: FW: Flint water background information

Frank:

We have a situation in Flint, Michigan that is beginning to get national attention and could be an opportunity for Home Depot. 18 months ago, Flint switched its water supply from Detroit Water (the distance and pumping costs of going uphill made it quite expensive) to the Flint River as a temporary answer, until they could finish the construction to get their water from Lake Huron (Karagondi Water System). The corrosive attributes of the River water have exacerbated the lead deposit leaching into homeowner pipes and there is concern around lead poisoning, especially for infants.

The corporate community is rallying to address the problem. Meijer donated 1500 water filters to low income residents and GM is about to announce a donation of between 5,000 and 10,000 filters. I do not yet know where GM is getting the filters from, but I was thinking that Home Depot might want to join the effort with a donation, supply chain discounting assistance, or some combination of activity that could help Flint residents. Harvey Hollins is our point person for this effort, since he is the Director of Urban Initiatives for Governor Snyder. I have copied him here.

If you could get this into the hands of the right people and see if there is interest in speaking with Harvey, I would be very appreciative. Thanks and take care.

Regards,

Rich

From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:35 AM
To: Baird, Richard (GOV)
Subject: Flint water background information

Hi Rich,

These are two documents that I think are helpful addressing the questions about lead and Flint water overall, prepared by DEQ and DHHS. These were intended for internal use, so please ask our partners to not share them beyond the people on their teams making the decisions.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Dave

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