

Byrne, Randall (Treasury)

From: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:24 AM
To: Byrne, Randall (Treasury)
Cc: Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Benzie, Richard (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Flint water update

Randy – I made a few suggested tweaks to your note. Hope this works for you:

- The DEQ met with Flint officials last month. The City prepared an operational plan to reduce the formation of disinfection by-products. They have exceeded the standard which is primarily the result of using water from a different source, namely the Flint River. This is anticipated to be mitigated once the City begins using Lake Huron water from the Karagondi pipeline. A DEQ violation notice will go out next week which will require the city to issue a public notice. The DEQ Director plans to notify legislative members from the Flint area. In conclusion, the City has seen a reduction in the numbers because of operational changes and the cooler weather. The violation is expected to continue for a while because it takes time to resolve this problem.

Liane

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From: Byrne, Randall (Treasury)
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 9:16 AM
To: Shekter Smith, Liane (DEQ)
Subject: Flint water update

Liane:

Please review this draft on the Flint water issue and make any changes that will clarify this statement:

- The DEQ met with Flint officials last month. The City prepared an operational plan to reduce the disinfection by-product. They have exceeded the standard which is a result of using water from a different source, namely the Flint River. This will be gone once the City begins using Lake Huron water from the Karagondi pipeline. A DEQ violation notice will go out next week which will be a public notice. The DEQ Director will notify legislative members from the Flint area. In conclusion, the DEQ has seen a reduction in the numbers because of the cooler weather. The violation will continue for a while because it takes time to resolve this problem.

Thanks, once again for your assistance,
Randy,



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

R. KEVIN CLINTON
STATE TREASURER

DATE: December 9, 2014
TO: Rick Snyder, Governor
FROM: R. Kevin Clinton, Treasurer
SUBJECT: Status of Financially Stressed Local Governments

EMERGENCY MANAGER

Flint

Emergency Manager: Darnell Earley
Appointed: November 28, 2013
Anticipated Exit: April 2015

Recent Developments

- Two City Council seats will be vacant as of January 1, 2015 due to the members being elected to higher offices. A committee consisting of the Mayor and City Council is working with the Emergency Manager to review interested applicants for the vacant City Council positions.
- City officials are attempting to increase the City's income tax rate, which Treasury supports and must be approved by the legislature. State Representative Stanley is the lead on this initiative. Should the legislature approve the increase, the City will place this question on the November 2015 ballot.
- Six Charter amendments and a general Charter revision question were on the November 4, 2014 ballot. The following proposals passed:
 - o Proposal 1 – Triggers a full review of the charter. A nine-member Charter Review Commission will be elected in May 2015.
 - o Proposal 2 – Reduces the number of mayoral staff appointments from no more than ten to no more than five.
 - o Proposal 3 – Adds a Charter amendment to require budgetary best practices.
- Three finalists were selected for the City Administrator position. Background and reference checks are being conducted on the preferred candidate now, with a goal to bring the person on board in February 2015.
- City officials met last month with the DEQ, and as a result of that meeting, prepared an operational plan to reduce the formation of disinfection by-products. They have exceeded the standard which is primarily the result of using water from a different source, namely the Flint River. This is anticipated to be mitigated once the City begins using Lake Huron water from the Karagondi pipeline. A DEQ violation notice will go out next week which will require the City to issue a public notice. The violation is expected to continue for a while because it takes time to resolve this problem.