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Gotcha. Thanks!

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 4:13 PM
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Correct...though Detroit and DPS obviously have a comms staff.

BH, AP, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Lincoln Park== no comms folks.

From: Gelisse, Ashley (TREASURY)
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Thanks, this is good. Also, am I correct that Flint is the only EM's office with a press guy (for lack of a better term)? That is to say, they're actually some of the more proactive and savvy when it comes to messaging?

Just trying to build the case that we need the community liaison thing to be most effective. Thanks again.

Ashley

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All...

Please find the updated Flint Water talking points.

Let me know if you have any questions, etc.

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City of Flint

Water Quality Talking Points:

The City, in conjunction with the Dept. of Environmental Quality, has been working diligently, since December, to address water quality issues in the City and ensure Flint residents have access to clean, safe water.

The City has contracted with international urban water quality expert Veolia North America, which has been on site since mid-February, and has recommended several remedial actions, including operational changes, changes in water treatment, increased maintenance for the aging urban system, and increased training.

Additionally, the city is in regular contact with MDEQ to ensure that residents receive water that complies with state drinking water standards. This system is tested regularly and rigorously, and the results are reported to customers as outlined in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Last month, Flint issued a Water Quality Update to residents and water customers, as required by DEQ, which indicated that water testing results for the month of March showed Flint Water met all Michigan DEQ and U.S. EPA standards for safety. Total THM levels, which caused the issuance of a violation notice in November, are significantly below the maximum acceptable levels at all eight testing sites. This progress was accomplished by:

Upgrading the ozone treatment process at the Water Treatment Plant

Increasing water main/hydrant flushing to reduce stagnation

Conducting additional testing of treatment to identify areas of improvement

Improving water circulation by repairing valves and adjusting reservoir levels

The City has received significant financial assistance through both grant programs and bond restructuring initiatives administered by the MI Department of Treasury. This financial assistance has allowed the City to replace miles of aged pipeline and begin efforts to install a specialized filter at the Water Treatment Plant.

In February, Flint was awarded a total of \$2 million through two *Financially Distressed Cities, Villages, and Townships Grants*. \$1.1 million was awarded for water system enhancements