

Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

From: Chastity Pratt <cpratt@bridgemi.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 2:16 PM
To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)
Subject: Re: Flint water - I hear YOU are the expert (deadline story)

Hi, Terry,

Yes, I contacted Ambrose's office and hope to hear from him soon. Thanks for the response!

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On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 1:57 PM, Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) <StantonT@michigan.gov> wrote:
Chastity...

If you haven't already, I would suggest you contact Jerry Ambrose, Flint's emergency manager. He could give you complete background on the situation, and update you on the steps the city has been taking...and plans to take...to address the situation.

As for the mayor's letter, much of the content is outside Treasury's oversight and/o authority. That said, below is some information (reaction) I shared with reporters earlier.

You may attribute the following to me.

"Jerry Ambrose and his management team are working diligently to ensure Flint residents have access to clean, safe water. To that end, the city has an rfp out for a consultant to advise the city on appropriate next steps.

The city continues to work closely with staff from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to ensure water meets safety guidelines, that water operations are managed properly, and all regulations are met.

Treasury staff is also in regular contact with both the city and DEQ and will be providing support as appropriate."

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On Jan 26, 2015, at 1:11 PM, Chastity Pratt <cpratt@bridgemi.com> wrote:

Hi, Terry,

Can you please call me? I am working on a deadline story about Flint's water situation, the complaints, etc. Bridge Magazine is most interested in the policy implications.

The mayor sent a letter to the governor requesting/recommending that:

1. Water testing data be reported publicly no less than quarterly by law in all Michigan communities in Flint's population category
2. Federal and State partnerships be designed to establish new Drinking Water Emergency Assistance Fund for the elderly and vulnerable families
3. Water system improvements outlined in the City of Flint Capital Improvement Plan be accelerated through Federal and State Investments;
4. The state approves City of Flint's Distressed Cities Fund applications

What's your insight as to whether any of this is doable? Can you please call me? My story is due tomorrow and will highlight these recommendations/requests from the mayor.

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