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From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Fonger, Ronald
Cc: Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Subject: RE: a question about flint

The water is still pre-treated. I think you mean when the water was coming from DWSD, and the city was just in the water transmission business instead of the water treatment business. I believe the answer is no, they didn't have many violations, but I'd encourage you to put the question to Mike Prysby, who will be at the meeting. Understand that dozens and dozens of 'boil water' advisories are issued by municipalities around the state every year for various reasons – anything from an abnormal coliform count to broken water mains that expose water to outside influence ... and the advisory is not by itself a warning that folks drinking the water will become ill. It's representative of a comprehensive, conservative protection standard with ample public notification measures to ensure that water customers can make informed decisions.

All of that said, the two guys most likely to know the answer to your specific question will be in the room tonight. And I've copied them here to make them aware you've got questions.

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From: Fonger, Ronald [mailto:RFONGER1@mlive.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:08 PM
To: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ)
Subject: a question about flint

Brad:

One thing I'd like to know is whether Flint has ever been in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act previously – at least as far back as your records go.

I'm guessing we didn't have too many when the water was pre-treated.

Thanks,

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To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: RE: Flint

You are welcome, sir!!

From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:48 PM
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I think that's great! Ron Fonger was one reporter, and I'll send along the other.

Very much appreciate you grabbing this one!

Dave

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2015 4:35 PM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Flint

Jerry Ambrose and his management team are working diligently to ensure Flint residents have access to clean, safe water. To that end, a consultant is being brought in 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.