

Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)

From: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 3:30 PM
To: Gary Ridley
Subject: RE: Comment sought on email release - Flint TTHM

Gary—

In reading the full e-mail string you reference, it indicates that the issues raised by Mr. Busch were discussed on a call between DEQ staff and Treasurer Dillon. In the final e-mail of the string, DEQ Director Wyant notes that “all indications are that we (DEQ) are supportive of KWA and its cost benefits...”

I would also clarify that the “approval” signed by Treasurer Dillon in April of 2013 dealt **only** with the eventual transition to KWA, from DWSD (see page 209 of 338 in documents posted today).

Terry

From: Gary Ridley [mailto:GRIDLEY@mlive.com]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 1:18 PM
To: Stanton, Terry A. (Treasury) <StantonT@michigan.gov>
Subject: Comment sought on email release - Flint TTHM

Terry,

As I’m sure you’re aware, there was a massive email release today regarding Flint water. One email (attached) contains an email chain between the DEQ and Dept. of Treasury. One of the emails, a March 26, 2013, message from Stephen Busch shows that using the Flint River for an extended period of time could lead to possible microbial and disinfection by-product concerns. The city, under an apparent order from the emergency manager, switched to the river for its drinking water source while awaiting the KWA.

Subsequently, the city’s drinking water, following the switch to the river, was found to contain TTHM and suffer from multiple microbial problems (and an alleged connection to Legionella), as warned by Busch.

I wanted to see if treasury would comment on if Mr. Busch’s concerns in 2013 were taken seriously (or discussed at all) when the city’s switch occurred and if Treasury took these concerns into consideration when signing off on the EM’s orders that allowed the city’s switch to the river?

I am hoping for a response ASAP for my story.

Thanks.

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Lamphier, Wendy (Treasury)

From: Lamphier, Wendy (Treasury) on behalf of Dillon, Andy (Treasury)
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 4:44 PM
To: Robert, Carla M. (Treasury)
Subject: FW: ODWMA Response - Flint KWA-DWSD Report
Attachments: deq-wb-dwehs-wwwiu-gcdclqwwpermitresponsepubliccomment_290345_7.pdf; Rowe Review of Tucker Young Report.pdf

Importance: High

From: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 2:13 PM
To: Dillon, Andy (Treasury) <DillonA2@michigan.gov>
Subject: FW: ODWMA Response - Flint KWA-DWSD Report
Importance: High

Andy,

Attached is staff feedback. I will be getting additional feedback in the morning. All indications are that we are supportive of KWA and its cost benefits compared to DWSD options. If that is not the answer you want tomorrow – then we should discuss.

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From: Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 1:39 PM
To: Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ); Wyant, Dan (DEQ); Sygo, Jim (DEQ)
Cc: Willard, Veronica (DEQ); Benzle, Richard (DEQ); Prysby, Mi (DEQ); Creal, William (DEQ)
Subject: ODWMA Response - Flint KWA-DWSD Report
Importance: High

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2 attachments

Donaldson, Kristina

Director Wyant, and Deputy Director Sygo,

Addendums to ODWMA comments provided yesterday regarding the City of Flint water system and comments on the reports from Tucker, Young, Jackson, Tull, Inc. (TYJT) can be found below in red. Additional comments are as follows:

With regards to regulatory authority for DEQ to allow or prevent the breakup of water utilities, and State vs. local decisions about cost effectiveness, it is important to note that when the DEQ permitted the water withdrawal for KWA (permit 2009-001) part of the decision making process (copy attached) included reasonable use and the balance of Economic Development, Social Development, and Environmental Protection. As part of the public participation process general comments were received (pages 6 & 7) regarding impacts on DWSD and rates to remaining customers. The Department's response to those comments stated:

"The DEQ is specifically precluded from using part 327 to "...diminish or create any existing authority of municipalities to require persons to connect to municipal water supply systems as authorized by law" (MCL 324.32726)."