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Flint Water Daily Update
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Current Issues Talking Points

Governor and DEQ encourage home water testing

- The health and safety of Flint residents remains a top priority. Pregnant and nursing mothers and young children should continue to drink bottled water as a precaution.
- It is essential that all Flint residents have the water in their homes tested as soon as possible.
- Free water testing kits are available at Fire Stations 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8. Water Samples should be returned to the fire stations for testing.
- Until water is declared safe, continue to follow established safety protocols.

Governor secures emergency supplemental to immediately aid Flint residents

- Snyder signs \$28M Flint bill, hopes for safe water soon (Detroit News)
- The \$28 million in funding will help address immediate needs for the people and families of Flint. It is a necessary next step in ongoing recovery efforts for the city.
- The Governor signed the legislation at the first possible opportunity, following its unanimous approval in both the House and Senate.
- The Flint water crisis was a failure of government at all levels – city, state and local. The governor has apologized and taken responsibility for the state's role in this failure.
 - Accepted the resignation of top DEQ officials and suspended two pending a civil service investigation.
 - Approved two emergency funding bills to support Flint residents (This \$28 million and a previous \$9.3 million in Oct. 2015).
 - Declared and extended a state of emergency for the city and activated the National Guard.
- To date, the Governor and Legislature have approved a total of \$37.3 million in emergency funding for Flint while the federal government has earmarked only \$5 million in assistance.
 - The Governor will continue to call on the federal government and our Congressional partners to secure additional funding to help address the long-term needs of the city.

- This \$28 million in emergency aid will help:
 - Supply free bottled water, faucet filters, and testing kits for Flint residents;
 - Put nine nurses in local schools to monitor student health and well-being;
 - Provide better nutrition for students and infants through WIC and in-school nutrition programs;
 - Replace fixtures in schools, daycares, nursing homes and hospitals;
 - Provide for an infrastructure study using independent experts;
 - Treat any children who have high lead levels in the blood, using diagnostic testing, nurse visits and environmental assessments in the home;
 - Provide additional community education opportunities within the Genesee County Health Department;
 - Compensate the Michigan National Guard's work to support water distribution;
 - Assist with home lead abatement costs;
 - Help the City of Flint with utility issues;
 - Provide operational funding for the Flint Interagency Advisory Committee.
- This funding package is just one step of many. Additional long-term resources will be needed as we work together to strengthen the city of Flint moving forward.

Fresh water in State of Michigan Flint office building was for all

- Amid denials state workers in Flint got clean water (Detroit Free Press)
- Fresh water in Flint State building was for all (ABC News)
- In January 2015, as a customer of Flint water, DTMB received a notification that the water system in Flint's state office building was found to be in violation of a drinking water standard.
- DTMB made the decision to provide an alternative drinking option for both building employees and public visitors.
 - Health of visitors was a top priority.
 - Approximately 500 visitors sign into the Flint office building every day. Many of which enter the building for access to DHHS services.
 - Those with an increased risk included people with severely compromised immune systems, infants, or the elderly. A large number of the clients using the DHHS services fall within those demographics.
- After receiving information from the city, verbally, in July 2015 that the water system issue had been addressed, the water coolers were removed.
- It wasn't until late Sept/Oct 2015 when the presence of lead in the water was confirmed that the water coolers were replaced.