

From: Hedman, Susan <hedman.susan@epa.gov>

Date: Wed, Jul 1, 2015 at 10:44 AM

Subject: Re: Comments on Flint Water

To: Dayne Walling <dwalling@cityofflint.com>

We are looking into this and I will get back to you later today when I know more about what happened.

Sent from my iPhone

Hedman, Susan <hedman.susan@epa.gov>

Date: Wed, Jul 1, 2015 at 6:46 PM

Subject: Re: Comments on Flint Water

To: Dayne Walling <dwalling@cityofflint.com>

Mayor Walling I apologize for the delay in getting back to you but it has taken a while for me to find out what happened. So far, I have learned that Region 5 staff received a complaint from a Flint resident about lead levels in drinking water and that we followed up by doing some tests to determine whether lead levels were indeed high for this particular household and, if so, to try to identify the source(s) of the problem. The EPA staffer mentioned in your email prepared a draft report and apparently shared it with the citizen as a courtesy because her name and children's blood lead levels were mentioned in the report before sending the draft report up the EPA management chain for review. He subsequently received a call from the ACLU representative Curt Guyette who said he obtained a copy of the draft report from the resident and then proceeded to ask questions, which the EPA staffer attempted to answer.

The preliminary draft report should not have been released outside the agency. When the report has been revised and fully vetted by EPA management, the findings and recommendations will be shared with the City and MDEQ and MDEQ will be responsible for following up with the City.

In the meantime, if you think it would be helpful, I can recommend two EPA experts on lead and drinking water distribution systems to work with the Flint Advisory Committee to complement Dr. Wright's TTHM expertise. If you are interested, I can provide their bios tomorrow. Again I apologize for taking all day to get back to you and for the manner in which this matter was handled.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,
Susan

Dayne Walling <dwalling@cityofflint.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 2, 2015 at 2:26 PM

Subject: Re: Comments on Flint Water

To: "Hedman, Susan" <hedman.susan@epa.gov>

This is very helpful Susan, thank you. Let me discuss where we are at on our end and get back with you. I do know that we are on the same page as far as the City being prepared to respond to any followups that come through the MDEQ as that was the understanding of our team too. Thanks again, Dayne

From: Dayne Walling [mailto:dwalling@cityofflint.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2015 1:37 PM

To: Hedman, Susan

Subject: Re: Comments on Flint Water

And, it would be helpful if this same information could be shared with the ACLU, at least the aspects of determinations still needing to be made and the City being in the right by following the guidance through the MDEQ

Hedman, Susan <hedman.susan@epa.gov>

Date: Thu, Jul 2, 2015 at 7:14 PM

Subject: RE: Comments on Flint Water

To: Dayne Walling <dwalling@cityofflint.com>

At this point, I am not inclined for my staff to have any further communications with the ACLU representative-- we need to focus on finalizing the report. In the meantime, however, I have no objection to the City letting him know that the report he was given was a preliminary draft and that it would be premature to draw any conclusions based on that draft.

Also, if you decide that you would like additional expertise in the area of treatment and corrosion control to address lead contamination – we can deploy resources from the EPA lab in Cincinnati. The resumes of two experts in this area are attached – and we can make the necessary connections if you think you would like to add to your Advisory Committee.

I hope you have a Happy Fourth of July!

From: **Curt Guyette** <cguyette@aclumich.org>

Date: Tue, Jul 7, 2015 at 10:29 AM

Subject: One more water question

To: Jason Lorenz <jlorenz@cityofflint.com>

Good morning Jason. Hope you had a good time off.

Miguel Del toral, a water specialist with the US EPA's region five is sounding the alarm about the potential of a significant problem regarding lead in the Flint water system. He says that the EPA has offered to help by having its experts assist the city, but so far that assistance has been declined.

I was checking in to see what the city's take on Del Toral's assertion is.

If you don't mind, could you let me know you have received this message. I'm handing my story back in at the end of the day today.

Thanks again.

Curt

From: **Jason Lorenz** <jlorenz@cityofflint.com>

Date: Tue, Jul 7, 2015 at 11:51 AM

Subject: Fwd: One more water question

To: Howard Croft <hcroft@cityofflint.com>, Michael Glasgow <mglasgow@cityofflint.com>, Natasha Henderson <nhenderson@cityofflint.com>, Dayne Walling <dwalling@cityofflint.com>

More from Mr. Guyette. This time he asserting that Del Toral from the EPA is "sounding the alarm" about lead in Flint's water system.