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Attachments: Re: Comment by Flint City Councilperson Kate Fields re Water Designation & Public Comment; Final Draft EPA Response to 5-5-17 Flint City Councilwoman Fields 5-16-17 revhs.docx

I believe Nancy sent this to you yesterday for your review. I have a few concerns with the letter that I'd like to discuss with you before you approve. Please let me know if you have 5 minutes today.

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All –Please see the note below from bob Kaplan. He is anxious to send the response today, so we need to know whether HQ is ok with this draft.

Thanks ng

I'm ready to send this. Nancy, this is important to the Mayor and MDEQ/Michigan. They have reviewed and approved. I think it sets the right tone.

- Bob

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All –

Region 5 is proposing to send the attached response to an incoming letter (also attached) from a Flint City Councilwoman, regarding the future source of the City's drinking water. See background below. There is a Flint briefing for the Administrator on Friday, so we may want to have a recommendation by then on this moving forward. I have included OCIR and OW folks in this message, in addition to OPA.

Thanks ng

Recent Communications to EPA from Flint Mayor's Office and City Councilwoman Indicate Tension Regarding the City's Future Water Source (see attached)

Key Message: EPA has received separate communications from a Flint City Council member and the Mayor's office that indicate disagreement among the City's elected officials regarding the future source of the City's drinking water.

On May 5, 2017, Region 5 received a letter from City of Flint Councilwoman Kate Fields, and a follow-up email from her on May 9, accusing the Mayor of not providing the City Council and the public with enough information and time to review the Mayor's recommendation that the city continue to purchase water from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) for its long-term source of drinking water. The Councilwoman copied Michigan's U.S. Congressional delegation, Governor, and other state officials on her correspondence. In addition, the Mayor's office emailed EPA on May 10, to clarify some of the content of the Councilwoman's letter to EPA and correct misinformation. Members of Congress and elected officials from the State of Michigan were also copied on this email.

The content of these communications demonstrates a breakdown in communication within the city leadership and signals that the City Council may not support the Mayor's recommended long-term source water option. EPA supports the Mayor's recommendation since it's most protective of public health because there would be no change in the city's current source water. However, the Region's responses make it clear that EPA will not intervene on behalf of the Mayor or the Council. EPA will continue its focus on the protection of public health, including ensuring that any switches to the city's water source are properly planned and implemented as outlined in EPA's Order requirements. It is up to the city's elected officials, taking into account feedback from the public participation process, to make the final decision regarding the city's future water source.

EPA Region 5's proposed response to the Flint City Council correspondence is attached.

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