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Subject: Re: Comment by Flint City Councilperson Kate Fields re Water Designation & Public Comment
Attachments: Final 5-6-17responsetoWeaverEPAletter w attachments.pdf; Revised Public Participation Plan.pdf

Good morning,

Last week you were sent a letter from Flint City Councilwoman Kate Fields regarding "Flint Mayor Weaver's Official Designation of Water Sources for Flint, Michigan". Upon request from media, we prepared the following response to that letter and Mayor Weaver asked that it be shared with you:

We would like to clarify that what Mayor Weaver announced on April 18, 2017, was a Water Source Recommendation, not a designation. A final determination of the city's future primary and secondary water sources have yet to be made.

It is also important to note, that Mayor Weaver and her administration have not "falsified reports to the USEPA" as stated in the letter sent by Ms. Fields. In her letter, Fields references a Public Participation Plan (PPP) that was submitted to the USEPA on March 1, 2017. However, for reasons stated in another letter sent to the USEPA on March 28, the Public Participation Plan was modified to reflect a new schedule.

The **revised** Public Participation Plan dated March 27, 2017 (attached), stated City Council would be informed of the public participation process during their work session on April 5. This was done. The revised PPP was also posted online for public review. The revised PPP also stated that the formal PPP would be initiated during the week of April 17, 2017. This too was done. That week, the mayor held a press conference announcing the water source recommendation (April 18), City Council had an opportunity to ask questions about the plan at their work session (April 19) and a Town Hall meeting was held (April 20). To promote more public input, the duration of the PPP was extended. Therefore, the City of Flint has implemented the PPP that was submitted to USEPA.

Ms. Fields also stated in her letter that City Council was not informed of communications between USEPA and the City. However, all correspondence associated with the USEPA Consent Order compliance has been posted online for public review. The City Council has also been provided with numerous documents used in the water source analysis process. In addition, city officials have gone above and beyond to create resources to help ensure the public has access to a variety of methods and materials to become informed on the water source recommendation. City officials have established an email address for residents to submit questions and comments on the recommendation. Door hangers are being distributed to residents' homes with information on the recommendation (printed in two languages), post cards are also being mailed to water customers. Information has been posted in

community newspapers. Public Service Announcements are airing on radio, TV and are available for view online. A special "Water Source Recommendation 2017" section has been created on the City of Flint website with even more information available for anyone to review at anytime. Officials have made it clear that all public input is being considered before a final decision or "designation" on a water source recommendation will be determined.

It appears Ms. Fields has confused the public notification process associated with the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRf) process and the Water Source Public Participation Plan. There have been public notices issued for the DWRf public hearings. However, there are no public notice requirements associated with the PPP. The goal was to get the water source recommendation to the public as soon as it was available. This was done.

Finally, the reference Fields' makes to the "radio town halls" is irrelevant to this matter and is based on an inaccurate assumption made by an MLive reporter. The "radio town halls" are **NOT** part of the public participation efforts related to the water source recommendation. The radio conversations were planned previously by the Chief Public Health Advisor at the request of the Mayor as a way to continually address **health-related** questions and concerns presented by Flint residents. Dr. Pugh and Mayor Weaver are hosting a series of weekly health-related "radio town halls", or community conversations, on Flint radio station WFLT 1420 AM where they speak with experts to provide information and answer health-related questions from Flint residents. This was, and continues to be, promoted in various ways including at community meetings with the goal of members sharing details with other residents so they can listen in and receive the information.

I hope this provides some clarity regarding the letter you received from Councilwoman Fields. There is so much misinformation being circulated that we simply cannot address every matter, however we felt this was something that needed to be corrected.

Best regards,

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Please see the attached letter sent to Mr. Chris Korleski of the EPA. Hard copy will follow in snail mail.

Thank you,

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