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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Robert Kaplan, Acting Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (R-19J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

As indicated in the June 16, 2016, letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to Governor Rick Snyder and Mayor Karen Williams Weaver, significant progress in Flint is occurring regarding drinking water quality, including positive trends related to water quality. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) continues to coordinate with the city of Flint (City) and the USEPA to help support the City's efforts to address issues related to the water treatment plant and the water distribution system. The MDEQ appreciates the USEPA providing the report prepared by the Sleeping Giant Environmental Consultants, LLP, to evaluate the Flint Surface Water Treatment Plant, which identified priority areas of concern.

Today, MDEQ staff and outside experts were at the water treatment plant exploring options to utilize various approaches to support the plant while staff capacity is enhanced at the City. Based on recommendations from those experts, I look forward to the future meeting being coordinated by the City, including representatives from the City, MDEQ, and USEPA, to identify remaining issues, determine solutions, and develop next steps.

The MDEQ continues to be committed to a full partnership with the City, the USEPA, and others to assure safe drinking water is provided to the residents of Flint. Please let me know if there are additional items that the USEPA would like to discuss at this time.

Sincerely,

Keith Creagh
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cc: Ms. Gina McCarthy, Administrator, USEPA
Governor Rick Snyder
Mayor Karen Williams Weaver, City of Flint