

MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Rusty Hills, Senior Advisor, Department of Attorney General

DATE: June 14, 2017

RE: Legal Update

I am writing for the purpose of providing you with a brief update on the latest decisions and determinations made regarding the Flint Water Crisis investigation.

As you may know, in 2014 the City of Flint switched water sources to the Flint River without adding the proper anti-corrosive treatment. As a result, lead leached from the pipes, joints and fixtures into the water. Because of that, many of Flint's children suffer from high blood lead levels. Moreover, numerous individuals have died from Legionnaires' disease. To this day, even during the heat of summer, many residents of Flint refuse to drink water from their tap.

Composition of the Team

To investigate and prosecute what occurred in the Flint Water crisis, Attorney General Schuette called upon the best of the best. He named former Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Todd Flood and Andrew Arena, former Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the FBI, to spearhead the investigation. Both have extensive experience in public corruption cases.

In addition, Genesee County (Flint) Prosecutor David Leyton and retired Circuit Court Judge David Hoort have "peer-reviewed" the various charging documents.

Retired Chief Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals William C. Whitbeck has also brought his considerable skills and powerful presence to this investigation.

Total Charges

Since the investigation began in January of 2016, the Attorney General has charged fifteen individuals with crimes related to the Flint Water crisis. As of today, there have been a total of 51 charges.

New Charges

On Wednesday, June 14, 2017, the Attorney General charged five individuals with involuntary manslaughter, and a sixth individual was charged with obstruction of justice.

Investigation Moves into a New Phase

This marks the completion of this phase of the criminal investigation of the Flint Water Crisis. While continuing to aggressively pursue and gather new and compelling evidence, a significant focus of the Flint Water Crisis investigation will turn to the prosecution of those individuals who have been charged with crimes.

Conclusion

The Flint water crisis is a man-made disaster of significant proportions. The switch in water sources set off a chain of events that continues to unfold.

Citizens of Flint, including children, continue to suffer ill effects because of this switch. The response to the water crisis in Flint was characterized by a failure by certain public officials to protect the public health, safety and welfare. These are duties and responsibilities imposed by the constitution and the laws of the State of Michigan.

The charge of this independent review is to determine what laws may have been violated in the course of the failure to deliver safe water to the citizens of Flint. And where laws have been broken, to hold individuals responsible.

NOTE: Attached, please see a copy of remarks delivered at the June 14 news conference by Attorney General Bill Schuette, in which the Attorney General announces the latest charges in the Flint Water Crisis investigation.