Summary of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Actions In Response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency Emergency Administrative Order

Updated: 4/23/2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Emergency Administrative Order contains 15 overall items to be addressed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). This update includes status only on items for which progress was made in the last week. It is anticipated that the next update to this summary will be provided on Monday, April 30, 2018.

DETAILED INFORMATION:

Paragraph 54: Service line removal

- During a conference call on 4/19/2018, the city of Flint (City) shared that a hydrovac contractor had been selected and they were working through bonding issues.
- A bid document had been posted for service line replacement work (Phase V); that bid posting closes 4/26/2018.
- Two contractors started removing service lines on 4/18/2018, under the Phase IV contract.

Paragraph 60: Technical, managerial and financial capacity

- During a conference call on 4/19/2018, the City shared that they are continuing to work on filling the distribution superintendent and the lab supervisor positions. The City has two staff who will take the D1 exam in May.
- The City reported that Nick Pizzi continues to provide training to Flint staff.
 The City and the MDEQ will be discussing an expanded curriculum based on staff request.
- The EPA committed to responding to the City's 2/28/2018 letter regarding their new source treatment plan by 5/25/2018.

Paragraph 62: Distribution plan

 During a conference call on 4/19/2018, the City shared that they submitted a draft optimization plan on 4/5/2018. They received comments from the MDEQ and the City and submitted a new draft on 4/13/2018, for which they are awaiting approval.

- Arcadis submitted a third set of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to the City (related to the optimization plan), received comments from the City and are finalizing those. They anticipate finalizing those in the next two weeks. The chemical feed SOPs are completed.
- The City will be sending a new Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) sampling plan to the MDEQ the week of 4/23/2018, which will bring the sampling sites total to 25.
- The City started Phase 1 of the pipe loop portion of the corrosion control study the week of 4/9/2018.

Paragraph 63: Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee (FWICC)

- The meeting, originally scheduled for 4/20/2018, was cancelled.
- Meeting minutes from a subcommittee meeting last month are being compiled by MDEQ staff.

Other:

 The project plan for Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) funding was submitted to the MDEQ for comments and the City was incorporating those comments for their final submittal.