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

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) 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, August 13, 2018.

## **DETAILED INFORMATION:**

# Paragraph 54: Lead service lines:

- On 8/1/2018, Assistant Attorney General Richard S. Kuhl sent a letter to the city of Flint (City) regarding the City's decision to halt the use of hydrovaccing. This letter was posted online on 8/2/2018.
- On 8/2/2018, Flint Mayor Weaver sent a letter to the MDEQ regarding the MDEQ's position on hydrovaccing. This letter was posted online on 8/3/2018.
- On 8/1/2018, the City reported during a conference call that 851 service lines had been replaced this year, with 3,200 total excavations made.

### Paragraph 61: Necessary, capable and qualified personnel:

 On 8/1/2018, the City reported during a conference call that several water distribution trainees are being worked on and the hiring process is scheduled to be complete in October. The City also reported that the F&V contract will be extended until all relevant positions are filled permanently.

#### Paragraph 62: Distribution system optimization plan

- In April 2018, the City's consultant, Arcadis, submitted the final Water
  Distribution System Optimization Plan. This plan includes 16 appendices
  including Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which, as of 8/3/2018,
  were in draft form and pending signature by the City. This document and
  all appendices were put on the web site on 8/6/2018. Draft SOPs will be
  replaced by final, signed SOPs when available.
- On 8/1/2018, the City reported during a conference call that the pipe scale study was just completed, and the report is expected shortly. The City

also reported that they are three months into the corrosion control study and await comments from USEPA on the second phase of the study.

Paragraph 63: Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee (FWICC)

• A FWICC subcommittee meeting was held 7/31/2018. The next FWICC is scheduled for 8/17/2018.