# Summary of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Actions In Response to the

# United States Environmental Protection Agency Emergency Administrative Order Updated: 11/20/2017

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The United State 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, November 27, 2017.

## **DETAILED INFORMATION:**

## Paragraph 54: Inventory of homes with lead service lines.

- As of 11/20/2017, the City of Flint had replaced 5,752 service lines and identified 1,185 copper-to-copper lines.
- On 11/15/2017, the City reported that service line crews may work as late as December 7 instead of the original date of November 22. On 11/20/2017, Rob Bincsik determined that the City will continue work until December 8.
- General McDaniel has agreed to stay on until Phase 4 work is completed, and is working on a plan for Phase V and an RFP for hydrovac work through the winter.
- The City is working with Captricity to get 138,000 service line records digitized.
   Upon completion, the City will provide to the EPA their best estimate of remaining service lines.
- To date, \$11.5 million has been invoiced for this work.

# Paragraph 59: Optimization of corrosion control.

 On 11/15/2017, the DEQ learned that the last coupon study results were sent 11/2 and comments are pending from the City. The goal is to have the final report to the DEQ in the next week.

#### Paragraph 60: Confirmation of water source.

- On 11/15/2017, the City reported that Karen Weaver won the November recall, and five new city council members were sworn in on Monday, November 13, 2017.
- The EPA said that the current short-term water contract ends 11/30/2017.
- The City met on 11/15/2017 (during the EPA-DEQ-City Order update call) to discuss a long-term water source. The 11/17/2017 City Council meeting ended without the Council voting on a long-term source.

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

- Rob Bincsik was voted in by City Council as the Department of Public Works
  Director. Hughey Newsome was voted in as the Chief Financial Officer. Both
  positions required Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) approval on
  11/17/2017.
- The lab supervisor position is on hold until Rob Bincsik's position is confirmed.
- The Water Treatment Plant Supervisor position is still under consideration.
- The DEQ is exploring funding to provide additional training of treatment plant staff.

# Paragraph 62: Distribution system optimization plan.

- The DEQ is working to complete a changer order to the Arcadis contract the week of 11/20/2017.
- SOPs are still under development and should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

## Paragraph 63: Independent Advisory Panel.

 On 11/15/2017, the City reported that the FWICC meeting was cancelled this month and proposed to be rescheduled in early-to-mid December.

#### Other:

The City is working with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Michigan DOT on a TIGER grant that includes water main work that will be paid with WIIN funds. The City stated that the project will be ready for construction in 2019.