Summary of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy 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 Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). 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, December 16, 2019.

On Thursday, December 5, Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley and his administration met with staff from the USEPA and EGLE to introduce everyone and discuss the status of the Order. While some items were only briefly touched upon, most of the discussion was based on Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) sampling. More meetings will be scheduled soon to discuss the other items.

Paragraph 59 A: LCR Compliance

- The city of Flint (City) has resumed compliance activities for the current LCR monitoring period (July 1 to December 31, 2019). The City has been working diligently to excavate and identify the service line material at the remaining addresses from the initial 77 homes they collected samples from. Mayor Neeley has lifted the moratorium on hydrovac explorations that the previous administration imposed in June 2018. This effective method of identifying pipe composition will greatly increase the rate at which they have been able to confirm lead lines. The City has approximately 20 Tier 1 sites so far.
- The City has also enlisted help from Habitat from Humanity to pass out bottle kits and educate residents on proper sampling techniques. They will assist the City in their effort to obtain 60 Tier 1 samples by December 31, 2019.
- The City also stated that it is still having difficulty either obtaining consent or scheduling work for approximately 1,300 homeowners for excavations and replacements to take place. They are exhausting all available resources including mail, phone, and knocking on doors, etc.