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SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT OFFICE



C. HEIDI GREYER
DIRECTOR

December 6, 2017

Mr. Robert Bincsik, Director
Department of Public Works
3310 East Court Street
Flint, Michigan 48506

Dear Mr. Bincsik:

SUBJECT: City of Flint – Operator Certification, WSSN: 02310

The city of Flint (City) water treatment system has been operating under an interim Operator-In-Charge (OIC) arrangement for the past several months. Under an interim OIC arrangement, a properly-certified treatment operator is contracted to meet daily with staff, be available in case of emergency, and provide direction to other City staff that take care of day-to-day operations. It should be noted that a temporary OIC arrangement may only be considered when a water system loses its OIC unexpectedly, intends to promote from within, and has an existing employee who qualifies for and writes the appropriate exam at the next available opportunity.

After the results of the next available examination are known, the qualifying employee must be designated as the permanent OIC (if the employee passes the certification exam) or the water system must begin the process of hiring/contracting a permanent/full-time OIC (if the employee does not pass the exam). If hiring/contracting an outside operator is necessary, the operator must be in place within six months of the date the exam results are released.

Until June 30, 2017, Mr. John Monsees served as the City's permanent treatment OIC. Upon Mr. Monsees' departure, the City notified the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that an interim OIC arrangement would be executed with F and V Operations, Inc., and that Mr. Scott Dungee, an Operator Foreman at the water treatment plant, would apply for, and write, the November 2017 D-1 (treatment) examination. It was the City's intention that, if Mr. Dungee passed the D-1 examination, he would be named the City's permanent treatment OIC.

Unfortunately, Mr. Dungee did not pass the D-1 examination; therefore, the City must proceed to hire or contract for a permanent/full-time treatment OIC holding an active D-1 (limited treatment) or F-1 (filtration) certification. The selected individual must be in place by June 30, 2018.

If there are any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at the number provided below or by email at londonr@michigan.gov, or Mr. Jon Bloemker at 989-460-7254.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob London". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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cc: Mr. Eric Oswald, DEQ, Lansing
Mr. John Young
Mr. Robert Jones, F and V Operations, Inc.