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Sent via Email

Dear Mr. Oswald:

I am writing you to request an extension on collection of samples and the identification of our LCR sampling sites for the sampling period from January 1 through June 20, 2020 and an extension on the required LCR sampling plan required for the next sampling period starting July 1 2020. As you are aware the City of Flint faced a completely new set of challenges with COVID-19 this sampling period which eliminated approximately 2 months of sampling time during this sampling period. Combining that with the existing challenge of replacing lead service lines and removing tier 1 sample sites, it continues to complicate sampling. In an effort to overcome our sampling challenges, Mayor Neeley has provided additional help to the utility through using Fire Fighters and Health Navigators. In an effort to expedite identification we are using our hydro excavator to identify service line materials at tier 2 sites. We are also programming our service line replacement crews to prioritize the residential addresses where we collected LCR samples from for service line excavation and service line replacement where they are needed

To date, the City has approximately 119 samples and we are in the process of identifying the materials of these addresses where we sampled. We continue to collect samples and identify materials in an attempt to reach the requirement of 60 samples for the sample period. The City of Flint has been in constant contact with EGLE regarding the challenges it faces with the continued collection of tier 1 samples. We will continue to work up until the end of the sampling period to collect samples. Therefore, the City is requesting additional time to identify the materials at these addresses and collect more samples.

Sincerely,

Robert Bincsik

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