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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Christopher Korleski, Director
Water Division, Region 5
United States Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson Boulevard (W-15J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Korleski:

Thank you for your November 17, 2016, letter to Governor Rick Snyder and the city of Flint (City) Mayor Karen Weaver which included the First Amendment to the Emergency Order (Order) that was issued to the City, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the State of Michigan, pursuant to Section 1431 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), on January 21, 2016. Subject to the concerns set forth in our January 22, 2016 letter to Administrator McCarthy, the State of Michigan intends to implement those aspects of the Order that pertain to the State or its oversight responsibilities, and will work closely with the City to develop the expertise and financing options for successful transition to a new water source. We appreciate the additional clarity and flexibility this First Amendment provides.

The State of Michigan continues to be a full partner with the City and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) with its primary focus on ensuring safe drinking water system for the residents of Flint. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Bryce Feighner, Chief, Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance, MDEQ, at 517-284-6524 or feighnerb@michigan.gov; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

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Director
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cc: Mr. Sylvester Jones, City of Flint
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