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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF
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The Honorable Karen W. Weaver
Mayor of Flint
1101 South Saginaw Street
Flint, Michigan 48502

Dear Mayor Weaver:

Thank you for your letter dated November 30, 2016, confirming the City of Flint's long-term primary source of water and secondary/back-up source of water. This written confirmation was required under paragraph 60.a. of EPA's November 17, 2016 First Amendment to the Emergency Order (Order) that was issued to the City of Flint (City), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the State of Michigan (collectively Respondents), on January 21, 2016.

Your letter also indicated that the City would be using an interim water supply obtained from the Genesee County [Drainage Commissioner] (GCDC). You explained that an interim water supply would be necessary because construction of the Flint Water Treatment Plant (WTP) improvements and the raw water reservoir are not likely to be completed by the time the City loses access to its current Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) source water, which is expected to take place October 2017.

While EPA understands the City's potential need for an interim water supply, we consider an interim source to be a "new water source" under the Order, which is subject to the same requirements in the Order as the City's long-term source of water. This is because the City's interim source water selection is treated water from GCDC, while the long-term source water selection is raw Karegnondi Water Authority (KWA) water treated at the Flint WTP. These two water sources are distinct and may require different treatment approaches.

Therefore, if the City switches to GCDC-treated water on an interim basis, Respondents will need to comply with the Order requirements under paragraph 60.b.iii. by providing a New Source Treatment Plan for GCDC-treated water, which includes a separate corrosion control study for this water. Respondents will then need to fulfill all of the Order requirements again before switching to City-treated KWA water as the long-term source.

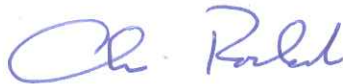
In addition, EPA thanks you for your letter, dated December 7, 2016, transmitting the City's Pipeline Plan (Plan). EPA has reviewed the Plan and will follow up with the City and State to ensure that the Plan is implemented and all milestones are met.

As a reminder of the next deliverable required under the Order, the City and State must provide documentation to EPA by Saturday, December 17, 2016, that arrangements have been made for the City's continued access to its current GLWA source water until its transition to a new source water is complete.

EPA will be meeting with Order Respondents at the Flint WTP on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at which time there will be an opportunity to further discuss any questions the City may have regarding the content of this letter and the requirements of EPA's Order.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 353-8320 or korleski.christopher@epa.gov with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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