



STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY
LT. GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 2016 – 02**

**ACTIVATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
TO ASSIST IN RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY RELATING TO
THE CITY OF FLINT'S WATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Under Section 12 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 the Governor is the Commander-in-Chief of the state armed forces and may call them out to execute the laws; and

WHEREAS, Section 151 of the Michigan Military Act, MCL 32.551, authorizes the Governor to order any members of the organized militia to active state service in the aid of the civil authority in times of public danger, disaster, crisis, catastrophe, or other public emergency within the State; and

WHEREAS, municipal water in the City of Flint showed elevated lead levels after the City of Flint changed its water source from the Detroit water system to its own treatment plant drawing from the Flint River; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Proclamation issued on January 5, 2016, the Governor declared a State of Emergency in the City of Flint and Genesee County; and

WHEREAS, lead can be introduced to humans through water, and elevated lead levels can result in significant health impacts, particularly for children, pregnant women, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the State's first priority in addressing this emergency is to limit potential exposure to lead in drinking and cooking water by limiting potential exposure to lead in the City's water system; and

WHEREAS, other priorities include: (1) directly informing as many Flint residents as possible that filters, bottled water, information on lead, water testing kits, and other resources are available; and (2) directly providing resources to Flint residents and following up with those residents to ensure that they have access to safe water, are fully informed, and have their water supply tested. These tasks will require that personnel go door-to-door in large areas of the City of Flint; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant level of human and other resources required for these tasks, additional assistance is needed to supplement existing personnel and equipment; and

WHEREAS, by the Executive Proclamation of Emergency issued on January 5, 2016, the Governor directed that the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Department of State Police, coordinate and maximize all state efforts, and call upon all state departments and agencies to utilize available resources to assist the City of Flint and Genesee County pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan;


NOW, THEREFORE, in consequence of the above, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the Michigan Military Act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.501 et seq., and the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 et seq., order the following:

1. The Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard is directed to order to active state service units and individuals of the Michigan National Guard that, in his discretion, he deems appropriate to meet general mission assignments as determined by the Director of the Department of State Police, or her designee.
2. The Director of the Department of State Police, or her designee, shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts, including such units and individuals of the Michigan National Guard that may be activated to state service to assist the City of Flint and Genesee County in accordance with the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.
3. The Michigan National Guard is activated until such time as determined by the Adjutant General, after consultation with the Director of Department of State Police, or her designee.

The Executive Order shall become effective upon filing.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 12th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen




RICHARD D. SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:


SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE
ON 1/12/16 AT 9:19 p.m.