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**From:** Grijalva, Nancy (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 11:12 AM  
**To:** Miller, Mark (DHHS)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Press Conference and situation report from Mark Valacak, health officer

What exactly do you mean Gearing up to do more water testing? How much more? When will they start?

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**From:** Miller, Mark (DCH)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 10:52 AM  
**To:** Anderson, Paula (DCH); Moran, Susan (DCH); Hertel, Elizabeth (DCH); Dykema, Linda D. (DCH); Miller, Corinne (DCH); Wells, Eden (DCH); Becker, Timothy (DCH); Lasher, Geralyn (DCH); Grijalva, Nancy (DCH)  
**Cc:** Robinson, Mikelle (DCH)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Press Conference and situation report from Mark Valacak, health officer

**ALL:**

Rashmi and I had a conference call this morning with Mark Valacak, the health officer at the Genesee County Health Department. He should be invited to the proposed press conference (below) and consulted with in advance. He's at 810 257-3588 or [mvalacak@gchd.us](mailto:mvalacak@gchd.us).

**From Mark Valacak:**

**On Formula and WIC**

If a client calls and has concerns about their water, the GCHD will advise them to get their water tested by the City of Flint. If the results come back with elevated lead levels, they can be eligible to switch from powdered formula to "ready to feed". Meanwhile, they will advise the resident to run the cold water tap for at least 5 minutes, and if they want to be absolutely sure, they should use bottled water for all drinking, cooking and making formula until the tests come back. Bottled water is available from the "Diaper Bank" in Flint. **(WIC staff are checking to see how much premade formula is available statewide.)**

**Testing**

City of Flint is gearing up to do more water testing for residents.

**Data**

Mark Valacak said there's some question about our lead testing database, as there are FLINT mailing addresses in both Mundy and Flint Townships, and those Townships are still on *City of Detroit Water*. **(Data questions are being followed up on with Epi Staff.)**

**Other PR**

The Flint School Systems advised all students to bring bottled water to school.

There is a Flint City Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9 PM. They expect the water situation to be discussed.

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**From:** Grijalva, Nancy (DCH)  
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Nick now has a phone conference at 11:30 with the Governor- Congressman Kildee at 11:30 am

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**From:** Moran, Susan (DCH)  
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**Subject:** Re: Proposed Press Conference on Flint Drinking Water

Lynda Dykema is the contact for questions on Virginia Tech/Hurley data.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2015, at 7:52 AM, Lyon, Nick (DCH) <[LyonN2@michigan.gov](mailto:LyonN2@michigan.gov)> wrote:

Director Wyant and I agreed this morning to establish a team to look at the recommendations below in preparation for a joint press conference later this week. I did modify one and remove one from his original email. He was suggesting an outside public health advisor. I think it's appropriate that this be our CME so I changed that piece. I volunteered Geralyn, Elizabeth, and Dr. Wells to serve on the team.

The areas where we need more attention are as follows:

- 1) I need an analysis of the Virginia Tech/Hurley data and their conclusions. I would like to make a strong statement with a demonstration of proof that the lead blood levels seen are not out of the ordinary and are attributable to seasonal fluctuations. GERALYN is working on this for me but she needs someone in public health who can work directly with her on immediate concerns/questions. Sue – Please get her a name immediately.
- 2) I need an understanding of what WIC will pay for and when. We are hearing that the USDA is indicating that premade formula can be provided. Internal WIC staff don't seem to be saying the same things. And there may also be a supply issue. Elizabeth is following up for me on this.
- 3) Elizabeth will also follow up with Terry Beuer to see what FNS will pay for on the food assistance side, or if there are other programs that may cover water or premade formula.
- 4) I think we did a good job getting the local public health department involved and I ask that we work in concert with him. The recommendation is that they be included in the press event this week.

We need immediate action on these. I have a follow up phone call early this afternoon. I also ask that any requests coming from the team be treated with great urgency. The expectation is that we will get on top of this and provide leadership on the issue.

Nick

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**From:** Wyant, Dan (DEQ)

**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 7:18 AM

**To:** Muchmore, Dennis (GOV); Lyon, Nick (DCH); Hollins, Harvey (GOV)

**Cc:** Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Wurfel, Sara (GOV); Lasher, GERALYN (DCH); Thelen, Mary Beth (DEQ)

**Subject:** Proposed Press Conference on Flint Drinking Water

Per the ongoing issues in Flint concerning their drinking water, I would offer the following recommendations. Let's discuss.

## **Recommendation**

Press Conference in Flint – Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

## **Participants**

Mayor of Flint

Dan Wyant – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Nick Lyon – Department of Community Health

Susan Hedman – Region 5 Administrator or EPA

Harvey Hollins – Governor's office

Local Public Health Department

## **Announcement**

Federal – State – Local action plan to address Flint Drinking Water

1. Governor Snyder names Dr. [Eden Wells \(DHHS Chief Medical Executive\)](#) as Flint drinking water Public Health Advisor.

2. All Flint schools water will immediately be tested to ensure that drinking water is safe.
3. Advisories will be disseminated recommending citizens flush your cold water pipes, use only water from the cold water tap for drinking, cooking and especially for making baby formula.
4. Implementation of fully optimized corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.
5. Expanded water testing of at risk properties.
6. Offer water testing at no cost to Flint residents to assure water is safe.
7. Convene a safe drinking water “ Technical Review Advisory” to ensure best technology, practices and science is being utilized, including EPA’s expertise and assistance from their Office of Research and Development.
8. Offer bottled water and premixed formula if test results indicate high levels of lead.

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