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The Honorable Daniel Kildee
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1313

Dear Congressman Kildee:

Thank you for your September 9, 2015 letter regarding drinking water quality in the City of Flint. EPA is actively working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to help the City provide clean and safe water.

Consistent with the recommendations in the internal memorandum cited in your letter, EPA is working with MDEQ to monitor Flint's compliance with the federal Lead and Copper Rule. On August 17, 2015, MDEQ notified Flint that additional treatment will be required to optimize corrosion control and the City is taking steps to do so. Experts from EPA's Office of Research and Development are providing technical assistance to Flint to implement those corrosion control improvements.

Flint residents who are concerned about lead in drinking water may request water sampling by the local water utility. General information about lead in drinking water and tips to reduce lead exposure are available at http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm

Again, thank you for your letter. We look forward to a more detailed discussion at the meeting that is being set up on Monday. In the meantime, if you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Denise Fortin or Ronna Beckmann, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator

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