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Pls see below.

I don't recall an email from Jordan. Many of these questions are straightforward. Let's discuss how to handle them.

Thanks. - Bob

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Hi Robert,

Jordan from The Young Turks here. Hope you're having a nice New Year.

Since Monica hasn't been able to respond to my litany of questions (see below), I'm reaching out to you once again. We had a reporter on the ground in Chicago Tuesday for your behind-the-scenes, non-transparent meeting, where sources tell me your EPA-funded scientist Marc Edwards shot down anybody else's data or evidence that the water in Flint is not exactly fine or improving much.

We also had a reporter at the town hall yesterday, where none of the below questions were answered or information provided to citizens. I understand you have a tough job, but I'm not going away. **We already have a combined 81,000 views on YouTube and Facebook for the video we did on Marc Edwards' fairly damning phone call with a Flint resident---and those views are only going to get bigger the more videos we do.** If you provide me data and answers—which the citizens of Flint are entitled to—I'd be happy to move onto my next story. But if I continue to get PR spin, this story is only going to get bigger.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoKN45simAo

https://www.facebook.com/TheYoungTurks/videos/10154278343569205/

And here is some media pickup we've already gotten:

http://www.alternet.org/human-rights/mike-pence-was-asked-solve-lead-poisoning-crisis-his-own-backyard-one-resident-explains

http://www.commondreams.org/news/2017/01/10/flint-residents-barred-closed-door-water-quality-meeting

For your reference, TYT was at the forefront of Standing Rock, helping to make this one of the bigger stories of 2016.

Here are the questions I sent to Monica. Please get back to me as soon as possible. I will continue digging around in the meantime with sources at the EPA.

1. If the EPA is saying the reason lead got lunged leached into water is because it was dislodged while you were digging up soil, doesn't that point to a very vulnerable infrastructure filled with lead that might already be leaching? High amounts of lead shouldn't be dislodging by digging up soil unless there's a very decrepit pipe with lead contamination already there.

2. How would the EPA know cause and effect? Couldn't there have been high lead levels in the water well before digging up ground soil considering these pipes are 60-80 years old?

3. You said, "EPA continues to analyze data from the pilot study and has not yet come to any conclusions regarding the effect of excavation work on lead service lines." Where are the full reports with the data for reporters and other experts to dig into? I haven't seen them in E. Chicago or Flint. I'm not talking about Marc Edwards--who the EPA has paid--I'm talking about the full and thorough reports from the homes you've tested.

4. The orthophosphates seems to make the point—if the pipes are that compromised that orthophosphates are required, wouldn't the most effective measure for guaranteed safety be to change the pipes? When you say, "Replacing lead service lines is an effective but costly and time-intensive solution": **what about the cost of band-aid approaches that aren't 100% blocking lead and other contaminants, therefore infecting children and adults? This is a public health crisis--isn't ensuring the safety of Americans' job number 1 for the EPA and all government officials?**

5. And, as I understand it, orthophosphates are a magnet for bacteria. Is the EPA testing for bacteria in the water in Flint or E. Chicago, which Scott Smith has found in Flint?

6. Speaking of Smith, you predictably tried to discredit him instead of actually providing any concrete evidence his testing is innacurate. I have seen what Marc Edwards—an EPA-funded investigator—has said about Smith's testing--it doesn't pass the smell test. What is the specific points you have that prove Smith's Flint investigations are not valid? Considering your officials told me in August water was not an issue in East Chicago, the logic that independent testing is not comparable to the EPA's testing doesn't carry weight.

7. As far as lead in showers, you said lead doesn't get absorbed by skin. As you know, there's two types of lead: dissolved and particulate. The latter can aerosolize and result in inhalation risk in shower and bath. How is it you can claim it safe to shower with lead above the 15ppb knowing this risk?

8. As I understand it, after Smith started testing water heaters in Flint, the EPA funded more testing for VA Tech and Marc

Edwards, who tested some water heaters and concluded that flushing didn't work. Is that correct and isn't it kind of passing blame onto homeowners if high levels of lead and other contaminants are found in water heater? For example, the water heater I found high levels of lead and chloroform was just two years old. How can the EPA claim this is a function of not draining? Water heaters a couple years old should not contain lead levels of 780ppb—that's not a function of not draining—that means there's contamination coming from the pipes, no?

9. When you say, "Bathing and showering should be safe for adults and children, even if the water contains lead over EPA's action level. Human skin does not absorb lead in water," that ignores the danger of lead inhalation (as well as chloroform and other toxins). What does the EPA have to say about that?

10. **Your statement did not address my fundamental question**—how can the EPA say it's safe to shower and bathe without testing water heaters or showers. There are far more contamination sources than just lead, which as I've stated above, is dangerous to shower in for reasons other than it seeping into a person's skin. Why is the EPA not testing the water heater and shower?

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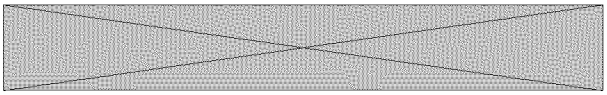

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