



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Keith Creagh
Director
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
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Dear Director Creagh:

Thank you for your January 22, 2016 letter, which commits to the implementation of measures to protect the City of Flint's drinking water supply as set forth in the Safe Drinking Water Act Emergency Order EPA issued on January 21, 2016. We do not agree with the issues you raise about the Agency's legal authority. During the coming days and weeks we need to focus on the important steps needed to protect the health of persons currently using, or who may use, the City's public water system. To that end, EPA looks forward to working with you, the State and the City to assure full implementation of the Order. EPA will meet with MDEQ, the State and the City during the week of January 25, 2016, to discuss implementation of the Order. EPA wants to emphasize the necessity for MDEQ, the State and the City to immediately commence and continue work to meet the obligations as ordered.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Pollins

Mark Pollins
Director
Water Enforcement Division

cc: Cynthia Giles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, USEPA
Bill McBride, Director, State of Michigan, Washington Office
The Honorable Karen Williams Weaver, Mayor, City of Flint, MI