

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: WS--15J

Mr. Paul McDonald Chief Financial Officer Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy 525 West Allegan Street Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Thank you for your October 6, 2022, request for an extension to complete the activities authorized in the Michigan Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Grant, EPA award number FS00E02091. The request is to extend the project period until December 31, 2023. A summary of project balances and current project completion time frames was also included with the request.

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded this \$100,000,000 grant on March 17, 2017, with a project period ending December 31, 2021. The project period was then extended until December 31, 2022. These federal funds, combined with the \$20M in required state match, were provided to address drinking water infrastructure needs in the city of Flint. As of October 11, 2022, \$77,769,862.05 of the \$100,000,000 in federal funds had been drawn by the state to reimburse the city for eligible expenses. EPA plans to approve the one-year extension to provide additional time for Flint to complete its projects. However, it is important for the state and Flint to complete the selected projects by no later than December 31, 2023. Project costs incurred outside the project period are not eligible for reimbursement.

If you have further questions, please contact Steve Marquardt, Section Supervisor, at (312) 353-3214 or marquardt.steve@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

10/25/2022

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