

**Office of the Auditor General  
Joint Select Committee on Flint Water Public Health Emergency  
Follow-up questions from March 15, 2016**

1. Why were there edits to the draft letter sent to the department on December 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. before the final letter was sent to Senator Ananich's office on December 23, 2015 at 3:18 pm?

In the draft letter answer, the last paragraph started with:

- *The Flint River was approved by DEQ in 2006 as a backup source of water for emergency purposes prior to the switch from the SWSD WTP to the Flint WTP.*

We changed the sentence to:

- *DEQ informed us that in the 1990s, the City of Flint upgraded the Flint WTP to serve as a backup source of water emergencies. In 2006, the Flint WTP began...*

The OAG initiated, evaluated, and made the change based on our internal quality assurance (QA) process. Our QA team is independent of the audit team and is responsible for reviewing the audit working papers and ensuring that the audit working papers meet the auditing standards.

Our QA team questioned if the supporting documentation for the original statement was strong enough to meet our standard of sufficient and appropriate evidence. The audit team then re-reviewed the evidence, a slide from a City of Flint Water Forum, and realized that we may have misinterpreted the information. Because of this uncertainty we concluded a change was necessary.

We added the date to give some perspective on why the Flint WTP would be considered as a water source. In reviewing other work papers, we identified testimonial evidence from DEQ employees that the Flint WTP had been considered a backup system since the 1990s. We made the necessary change so that the letter was factual and based on the collected evidence. We made telephone contact with a DEQ employee confirm that the quarterly testing began in 2006.

2. Representative Irwin provided a copy of an email sent by Michael Glasgow, Laboratory & Water Quality Supervisor, City of Flint on Thursday April 17, 2014, to Adam Rosenthal, DEQ. The email stated:

- *Adam,  
Thank you for the quick response. I assumed there would be dramatic changes to our monitoring. I have people above me making plans to distribute water ASAP. I was reluctant before, but after looking at the monitoring schedule and our current staffing, I do not anticipate giving the OK to begin sending water out anytime soon. If the water is distributed from this plant in the next couple weeks, it will be against my direction. I need time to adequately train additional staff and to update our monitoring plans before I will feel we are ready. I will reiterate this to management above me, but they seem to have their own agenda.*

*Thank You,*

*Michael Glasgow  
Laboratory & Water Quality Supervisor  
City of Flint Water Plant*

Representative Irwin asked:

- Was this email part of the OAG review?
- Who is the management above Mr. Glasgow?
- Who made the final call?

**This email was in the population we reviewed; however, it was not deemed to be relevant to lead levels. The email discusses increased monitoring requirements and is directed at staffing levels and training at the local government to accommodate the increase. The email contains no reference to water contamination.**

**We do not know who Mr. Glasgow is referring to as "management above me" and we do not know who made the final call. These questions relate to actions of local government employees and as we previously stated, are outside of our Constitutional authority.**

3. Representative Hune asked how many employees worked in ODWMA?

**ODWMA had 128 employees as of April 27, 2015. For fiscal year 2015, they were appropriated 106.5 FTE positions for drinking water and environmental health and 34 FTE positions for Municipal Assistance.**

4. Senator Ananich asked if we could provide copies of the emails that we reviewed.

**Releasing the over 7,500 emails in the filtered (reviewed) population will take a significant amount of time and audit resources to review and identify information that we cannot disclose due to confidentiality laws. We will await direction from the Committee before undertaking this project.**

**We will provide documents from our work papers and identified in response to item #3 in the OAG Response to Written Questions, Joint Select Committee on the Flint Water Public Health Emergency, March 15, 2016, as soon as they are prepared for distribution.**