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This afternoon I spoke with Stan and the Administrator -- after her call with Rep. Kildee. She asked me to revise the Task Force description to give it more of a regional flavor -- to make it clear that the Task Force is not a bunch of EPA HQ folks swooping in from DC to take over. I thought that the easiest way to accomplish this might be to say that the Regional Administrator is appointing the Task Force and to remove one of the HQ people from the Task Force. Please take a look at the revised version below -- and let me know if you are OK with this approach and if I removed the right HQ person (my thinking was that a technical lead would be in the best position to provide technical assistance.)

FLINT SAFE DRINKING WATER TASK FORCE

US EPA is committed to working with our state and local partners to ensure a safe and reliable water supply for the residents of Flint, Michigan. To achieve this, the EPA Region 5 Administrator will establish a Task Force to provide the Agency's technical expertise through regular, but no less than weekly, conversations with designated officials* from MDEQ and the City of Flint to assist with developing and implementing a plan to secure water quality, including measures to optimize corrosion control. Task Force members will be available to consult with MDEQ and the City of Flint on site in Flint as needed. The Task Force will also coordinate as necessary with federal, state and local public health agencies to assist with protection of public health.

Specifically, the Task Force will provide technical assistance to the MDEQ and the City of Flint to reconnect the Flint system to a new source of drinking water (to be supplied by the Great Lakes Water Authority) and to optimize corrosion control for the Flint system, starting in October 2015. The Task Force will also provide technical assistance to the MDEQ and the City of Flint, as needed, in advance of and following connection of the Flint water system to a new source of drinking water (to be supplied by the Karegnondi Water Authority) and to optimize corrosion control for the Flint system, starting in 2016.

Composition of the Task Force

Region 5 Deputy Administrator Bob Kaplan, Chair