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DECEMBER 2017 UPDATE FOR CLASS MEMBERS

Dear Class Members:

Please find below a summary of the Legal Team's most recent and upcoming efforts.

I. EPA Discovery

The discovery process is underway in your case against the EPA. The Flint Water Class Action Legal Team has conducted depositions (sworn testimony) that will aid in proving the federal and state government's role in the Flint Water Crisis and pave the way to getting you justice in the courts. We have conducted depositions of the following important EPA officials:

- Miguel Del Toral, Regulations Manager of the EPA Region 5
- Rita Bair, Supervisor of the EPA Region 5 Groundwater and Drinking Water Branch
- Tinka Hyde, former Director of the EPA Region 5 Water Division
- Debbie Baltazar, Chief of the EPA Region 5 Water Division's State and Tribal Programs Branch
- Robert Kaplan, Acting Regional Administrator of the EPA Region 5
- Jennifer Crooks, Program Manager of the EPA Region 5
- Thomas Poy, Chief of the EPA Region 5 Ground Water Drinking Water Branch

II. Status Conference

On November 15, 2017, your legal team along with defense counsel met with Judge Judith Levy for a Status Conference on the class action lawsuit filed in federal court. Judge Levy continued the discussion of the scope of the release of documents and other discovery matters taking into consideration the 5th amendment rights that protect against self-incrimination for those 15 defendants in the case who have also been charged with crimes in relation to their conduct during the Flint water crisis. Another Status Conference is scheduled in your case on January 4, 2017.

III. Related Criminal Cases

Preliminary examination hearings for criminal cases filed in Genesee District court against top officials implicated in the Flint water crisis are underway. During a preliminary examination the

state prosecution must call witnesses and present evidence to establish that there is probable cause to believe that crimes have been committed by those charged. This process will determine if the criminal cases proceed to trial. The following criminal defendants' preliminary examinations are ongoing:

- Nick Lyon, Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Dr. Eden Wells, Chief Medical Executive at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

IV. Collecting records for children who have been exposed to the Flint water

If you have children under the age of 10 you should have received an email or letter from our team regarding collecting information about their medical providers and blood tests. You may also be receiving a call from someone on our team about collecting these documents. This information is vital for moving the case forward and we appreciate your help as we continue our efforts to gather the evidence necessary for your cases.

These documents can be accessed by clicking the following link.

[Medical Authorizations and Questionnaire](#)

Please bring completed forms to the Flint office or send them via email, mail, or fax to the following:

Email: flintwaterclassaction@pittlawpc.com

Fax: (248) 398-9804

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V. Flint office hours

Our new office hours will be:

Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 9am-5pm

All future updates will also be featured on our website: www.flintwaterclassaction.com. Additional information regarding our legal actions can be accessed at the noted website as well.

Peace and Solidarity,

The Flint Water Class Action Legal Team