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Attachments: In re Flint Water Cases - Privileged Communications; FW: Flint water - document productions

From: Manning, Peter (AG) < Manning P@michigan.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:13:36 PM

To: Nessel, Dana (AG)

Cc: Grossi, Christina (AG) < GrossiC@michigan.gov>; Potchen, Joseph (AG) < PotchenJ@michigan.gov>

Subject: Flint emails

Attached and pasted below:

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From: Bettenhausen, Margaret (AG) Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 5:32 PM

To: 'stramontin@psedlaw.com' <stramontin@psedlaw.com>; 'jlax@psedlaw.com' <jlax@psedlaw.com>; Randall S. Levine (rlevine@levine-levine.com) <rlevine@levine-levine.com>; 'bdolan@dickinsonwright.com' <br/><br/>
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**Cc:** Kuhl, Richard (AG) < <u>KuhlR@michigan.gov</u>> **Subject:** Flint water - document productions

Importance: High

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Regards, Margaret

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