



**Office of Genesee County Sheriff**  
**Emergency Management/Homeland Security**

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January 4, 2016

Honorable Rick Snyder  
Governor  
Office of Governor  
State of Michigan  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY/DISASTER  
DECLARATION**

Dear Governor Snyder:

On January 4, 2016 pursuant to Section 10 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, I declared that a "State of Emergency" exists in Genesee County due to the introduction of lead into the public water system and subsequently elevated blood lead levels exceeding governmental standards. The response and recovery aspects of the Genesee County emergency operations plan have been activated, and local resources are being utilized to the fullest extent practicable. Despite these efforts, local resources are not sufficient to cope with the situation.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 12 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, I deem this incident to be beyond the control of Genesee County, and I respectfully request, for and on behalf of the citizens of Genesee County that the Governor declare a "State of Emergency/Disaster" exists therein and that consideration be given, if conditions warrant, to petitioning the President of the United States for assistance provided by Public Law 93-288, as amended. In support of this request, we will submit specific damage assessment data through official channels and in accordance with the guidance in EMD PUB-901 (*Damage Assessment Handbook*) within three (3) days of this disaster, unless circumstances dictate an earlier submittal as requested by the Emergency Management Division, Department of State Police. Furthermore, I understand that this request will not be acted upon without sufficient damage assessment data to substantiate the need for assistance.

Specifically, I request the following assistance:

ESF #3 / Infrastructure Systems Recovery Support Function support to include but not limited to:

- Post-incident assessments of public works and infrastructure
- Executing emergency contract support for life-sustaining services

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- Providing technical assistance to include engineering expertise, construction management, contracting, and real estate services
- Providing emergency repair of damaged public infrastructure and critical infrastructure

ESF #8 support to include but not limited to:

- Assessment of public health/medical needs
- Health surveillance
- Medical care personnel
- Patient care
- Behavioral health care
- Public health and medical information
- Potable water

ESF #11 support to include but not limited to:

- Provision of nutritional assistance
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Accordingly, be advised that Christopher DeVriendt, Interim Genesee County Emergency Management Manager will provide liaison and coordination with State and Federal authorities for assistance related to this disaster, and in accordance with Section 14 of Act 390, P.A. 1976, as amended, he is directed to transmit this request to the appropriate State Police Emergency Management Division (EMD) District Coordinator by the most expeditious means.

Authorized By:

  
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Jamie Curtis - Chairperson  
Genesee County Board of Commissioners



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TO: Commanding Officer - Emergency Management Division  
Department of State Police; District #3  
Emergency Management Division District Coordinator  
Post #35 State Police Post Commander

On October 1, 2015 residents within the City of Flint, located within Genesee County, were exposed to toxic levels of lead resulting in an imminent danger to public health and safety caused by elevated lead levels in the public water distribution system due to utilizing the Flint River as a primary source of water without proper corrosion control treatment. As a result of this situation, the following conditions exist: lead toxicosis in City of Flint residents and accelerated deterioration of the City of Flint water distribution system.

Therefore, as Board of Commissioners Chairperson of Genesee County, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I hereby declare that a "State of emergency" exists therein, that the response and recovery aspects of the emergency operations plan have been activated, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent.

Authorized by:

  
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Jamie Curtis, Board Chairperson