

2 MDEQ employees, a city employee charged water crisis

Elisha Anderson, Matthew Dolan and Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press 11:11 a.m. EDT April 20, 2016



(Photo: Kathleen Galligan, Detroit Free Press)

A judge in Flint authorized charges today against three officials involved in the criminal charges have been brought against government officials in the public

Multiple charges were filed by Michigan's attorney general against Mike Glasgow, water quality supervisor; Mike Prysby, a Michigan Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DNR) employee, and Paul Busch, the suspended Lansing district coordinator for the DEQ's Office of Drinking Water Assistance. The charges were authorized by District Judge Tracy Collier-Nix in

Prysby faces six criminal counts: two charges of misconduct in office; and one charge of tamper with evidence, tampering with evidence, engaging in a treatment violation

Drinking Water Act and engaging in monitoring violation that violates Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act.

The five charges Busch received are misconduct in office, conspiracy to tamper with evidence, tampering with evidence that violates Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act, and engaging in monitoring violation that violates Michigan Safe Drinking

Glasgow was charged with two counts of tampering with evidence and willful neglect of office.

Those charged did not appear in the Flint courtroom this morning, but it is expected that they'll face arraignment on the charges yet to be announced.

Later today, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette [is expected to detail those criminal charges \(/story/news/local/michigan/19/criminal-charges-coming-wednesday-flint-water-crisis/83251574/\)](/story/news/local/michigan/19/criminal-charges-coming-wednesday-flint-water-crisis/83251574/) in connection with the ongoing investigation of the three sources familiar with the investigation told the Free Press on Tuesday.

Officials believe the city got artificially low lead readings because it didn't test the homes most at risk — those with lead service lines — putting them at high risk for lead. Glasgow signed a document saying the homes Flint used to test tap water under the federal lead rule had lead service lines — a statement investigators allege was false, according to sources familiar with the investigation.

Complete coverage: [Flint water crisis \(/story/news/local/michigan/flint-water-crisis/2016/04/20/2-mdeq-employees-city-employee-charged-flint-water-crisis/83272760/\)](/story/news/local/michigan/flint-water-crisis/2016/04/20/2-mdeq-employees-city-employee-charged-flint-water-crisis/83272760/)

Schuette's investigation is ongoing and more charges are expected, sources said.

-  Live
- Comment
- Back

- - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - WhatsApp
 - LinkedIn
- Settings

No file selected.

Quick Log-In

Or Sign In With



Sign Out

[Terms](#)

Twitter

Font Size

Comments

Sounds

Translate



Sounds

Translate

Mute

Add a ScribbleLive Twitter feed to your site

Add a ScribbleLive Twitter feed to your site

“We encouraged the investigations and we’ve been cooperating,” Gov. Rick Snyder told reporters at the Capitol this morning. “Let’s not let the attorney general have to say what the

Snyder said that “we’ve got a lot of wonderful people working for the State of Michigan,” and “let’s not let the possible sit 47,000.”

U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Flint, this morning applauded the investigation.

“Let me say that I support and I know that others support these investigations. We expect the facts will determine the outcome. ... Hopefully, we’ll see that anyone who had any part in the decisions that led to this terrible crisis will be held accountable. ... Hopefully, we’ll see r

Flint’s water became contaminated with lead in April 2014 when the city, while under the control of a state-appointed emergency manager, switched the city’s drinking water source from Lake Huron water treated by the Detroit water system to Flint River water treated at the Flint River Water Treatment Plant. Michigan Department of Environmental Quality officials have acknowledged a disastrous mistake when they failed to require the city to use corrosion control chemicals as part of the treatment process.



DETROIT FREE PRESS

Flint mayor to Gov. Rick Snyder: Drinking city water doesn’t impress

(<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/flint-water-crisis/2016/04/19/mayor-gov-drinking-city-water-doesnt-impress/83243430/>)

The corrosive water caused lead to leach from pipes, joints and fixtures. Although Flint reconnected to Detroit water in December 2015, the city acknowledged the lead-poisoning problem after months of denials, the risk remains because of damage to the water infrastructure.

Officials also still are exploring possible links between the river water and the Legionnaires’ outbreak.

The state and city are now treating the pipes with higher levels of phosphates in an effort to build up a protective coating on the pipes and reduce lead leaching. Having more water flowing in the system would help that process, and that’s one reason Snyder and other state officials want to start using their taps again.

Contact Matthew Dolan: 313-223-4743, msdolan@freepress.com or on Twitter @matthewsdolan

Read or Share this story: <http://on.freep.com/1WdZkEC>

