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In fall, 2015, when I became reengaged in Flint, the water crisis was rapidly evolving, and it was very confusing what information was available. I had initially thought the City of Flint provided Dr. Abraham, Kasey Faust and me with a fully functioning model of the Flint water distribution system. This understanding is reflected in the hastily drafted Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted to NIEHS and provided by Dr. Edwards to LARA. The letter was quickly drafted during a time of crisis to allow the program manager to review prior to the panel meeting.

This understanding turned out to be incorrect and was recognized following the submission of the LOI to NIEHS. In the full proposal (page 76 is provided as Attachment E) submitted to the NIEHS, we describe “access to the Flint water distribution system details” and reference a letter of support from Flint’s Director of Public Works, Mr. Howard Croft, for the additional information needed to complete the proposed modeling. This information was previously unavailable to me or my collaborators, including Dr. Faust, and is critical to modeling the Flint system.