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Dear Mr. Eick:

I am George T. Vannilam, a Chemist who was laid-off from the Water Department of the City of Detroit. I am also one of the parties of the Sanitary Chemists and Technicians Association (SCATA) involved in the MERC case against the City of Detroit in the above-mentioned lay-off and was the vice-president of the Association. I am also included in the emails sent to you by SCATA president Saulius Simoliunas.

I saw your reply to Dr. Simoliunas that the GLWA has declined to allow the visits by the SCATA officials. Frankly, I did not expect any thing different from GLWA; after all, I had worked at the Water Department nearly 28 years and I know very well the irresponsible and callous attitude of the Water Department in addressing real issues. I fully support Dr. Simoliunas' allegations because I possessed first-hand knowledge of the analyses at the Water Department. The Union was trying to improve the functioning of the Water Department, and the management felt it as a thorn in their flesh. That was the reason for the Department to lay off all the union officials, even though there were no adverse records against any of them and they possessed much better qualifications and longer experience! They talk as if they were for the betterment of the City of Detroit and its citizens, but their actions are just the opposite- they hurt the City of Detroit and its citizens! I can narrate so many more incidents that were supported and/or undertaken by this management to deteriorate the quality of work at the Analytical Lab!

You can definitely get a much better picture of the callous attitude and the deplorable quality of the analyses by a thorough inspection and asking relevant questions!

I am also attaching my response I gave to the MERC with regard to the judgement against us by the ALJ Julia Stern and MERC's concurrence on her decision.

I can be contacted any time, if you have any questions.

With regards,

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