

**Brinkmanship Between Congress and White House over Government Shutdown:** All sides dig-in in as end of fiscal year approaches. No path to avoid shutdown yet. House Speaker facing insurrection ([more](#)).

**New Proposal to Require Lead and Copper Rule Released:** The Lead and Copper Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council has completed its deliberations on issues associated with the long term revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule ([final report](#)).

**West Virginia Rural Water Association Takes Action:** WVRWA is urging its Congressman on the Safe Drinking Water Act committee of jurisdiction to protect the SRFs as the House considers repeal of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) prohibition on using tax-exempt financing in combination with WIFIA loans.

**NRWA Asked to Respond to EPA Senate Statement:** In its response to Senator Wicker on [EPA's statement](#), NRWA is planning to explain why the current EPA Tier 2 public notice process is scaring consumers away from drinking public water. For example, after a DBPs violation of one-half of a part per million in Menominee, Michigan, the local news station (WFRV, 4/3/2015) reported, *"Residents in Menominee, Michigan are Questioning the Safety of their Drinking Water... Last week, [a consumer] got a notice in the mail saying the Menominee city water system recently violated a drinking water standard. The supply tested high for trihalomethane, a disinfection by-product. 'It was kind of a slap in the face when I got this and I thought, here I'm paying for a commodity and I'm not really sure that it's safe,' explained [the consumer]. 'I don't think I'm the only one in the city that feels that way... I'm actually looking into getting a whole house water filtration system,' she added. 'I don't trust our water anymore...'"*

**Salmonella Outbreak Kills Two, Sickens hundreds in the U.S. from Imported Cucumbers** ([more](#)).

**Philadelphia Develops Income-based Water Rate for its Poorest Residents** ([more](#)). It is a city with 40 percent of payers behind on their water bills and delinquent payments totaling \$259 million.

**ICS Flaw Disclosures at High Levels Since Stuxnet Attack:** New report finds dramatic increase in disclosed industrial control system (ICS) vulnerabilities, including almost 50 new vulnerabilities discovered in 2015 through mid-July ([more](#)).

**Award-winning Connersville Water Could Be Bottled:** The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water recently named Connersville as having the best-tasting water in Indiana, an award the city also won in 2010 and 2012. The local economic development agency is looking into actually bottling that award-winning water ([more](#)).

**Campaign for the International Day for Rural Women, October 15, 2015:** Themes include claiming the rights to development, education, health and wellbeing, safe water, adequate housing, land and inheritance, and peace.

**AP Finds 180 Million Gallons of Wastewater Spills from Oil and Gas Development** ([more](#)). *“You’re going to have spills in an industrial society,”* said the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

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