

**Louisiana Rural Water Association Responds to Flooding:** Record Louisiana floods continue. LRWA reports they have dispatched response crews to affected communities (NBS News [Video](#)).

**Flint, D.C. Politicians Trying to Take Advantage of Flint Crisis:** The Virginia Tech professor who discovered toxic lead levels in Flint's drinking water said he finds a federal aid bill for the Michigan city as *"just spreading [money] around so many different government agencies, who frankly...don't even have Flint's best interests at heart,"* according to a Heritage Foundation news site ([more](#)).

**Are Your Senators and Congressmen Supporting You?** All Members of Congress have been asked to sign [a letter](#) circulated in Congress that asks Senator Murkowski and Congressman Calvert (Chairman of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee) to fix the EPA funding issue by fully funding the new Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act, PL 114-98 ([list of cosigners](#)).

**House of Reps. Flint Hearings This Week:** The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee is scheduled to hold two hearings this week to review the government's response to the ongoing water crisis in Flint, Michigan. [Tuesday's hearing](#) will feature testimony from former EPA Region 5 Administrator Susan Hedman and former Flint emergency manager Darnell Earley, and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and Michigan Governor Rick Snyder are scheduled to testify before the committee on [Thursday](#).

**Ohio Semi-truck Crash Spills Drilling Waste Into Reservoirs:** Truck hauling waste from a well overturns sending about 5,000 gallons of waste water into a field, a creek, and eventually into one of the village's reservoirs ([more](#)).

**Clark County Nevada Water Reclamation District Cyber-Hacked:** Computer system was attacked late Friday night. Computers were shut down as a precaution but operations at all seven treatment facilities and customer service centers were not affected ([more](#)).

**New England Governors Ask EPA Guidance on PFOA:** In a joint letter, the governors of Vermont, New York, and New Hampshire urge EPA *"to expeditiously review the best available science on this contaminant, and provide uniform guidance to states that our health and environmental officials can use in assessing the safety of our drinking water."* EPA has established a provisional short-term health advisory value 0.0004mg/L. Each of the three states behind the letter has been dealing with PFOA contamination of public water supplies and/or private wells

above EPA's health advisory level, with the contamination of water supplies ([letter](#)) becoming a deep concern for their communities. New York is spending \$10 million to install 1,500 private well water treatment systems to plan for a new water system in one community.

**Whales on Water Tower Scare Vultures in Virginia:** ([Lovettsville, VA](#)).

**EPA Seeks Review of Perchlorate Health Effects Modeling:** EPA recently announced a request for independent experts to peer review "*the draft Biologically Based Dose-Response [BBDR] model for perchlorate in drinking water and the draft model support document.*" Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) filed against the agency in February for failing to propose a drinking water standard for perchlorate within two years of the agency's [determination in 2011](#).

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