

Nevada, Mississippi, Utah and Alaska Rural Water Stand Up for Rural Water: These states all received positive responses from their key Congressmen/Senators on the EPA Appropriations Subcommittee last week in the effort to persuade Congress to fix EPA funding. Alaska Rural Water met with the Senate EPA Appropriations Subcommittee Chair's chief of staff in Alaska last week. Mississippi had the Senate Appropriations Full Committee Chair's chief of staff featured at its annual conference. Nevada, Utah and Idaho all heard that their committee members would contact the chairman urging him to fix the EPA funding issue – all three states relied on behalf of their grassroots members (thank you Jerome, Idaho – Kingsbury, Nevada – and Woodcross, Utah).

NRWA to Appear before the U.S. Senate on Thursday: NRWA has been invited to testify in the Senate this Thursday on behalf of your interests. Robert Moore with Marshall County Water (OK) and board member of Oklahoma Rural Water Association will be representing Rural Water. The first draft of the testimony is available for your review ([link](#)). The hearing is likely to move to regulatory issues including Flint, Michigan. The committee chairman is Senator Inhofe (OK) and ranking senator is Senator Boxer (CA). John Sasur, NRWA national director from Massachusetts said, *“on behalf of the thousands of small systems across America, I would like to thank Oklahoma Rural Water Association in their building of such a positive relationship with their Senator Inhofe and most importantly their efforts to have Congress hear directly from a local water system about our successful national mission.”*

Congress Turns to Appropriations: The Senate returns Monday with appropriators deciding which of 12 annual spending bills they will mark-up first. Senate appropriators plan to hold their first markup on April 14th; they want to move bills to the floor before May 15th.

New Book's Page Are All Individual Water Filters ([CNN video](#)). **Verizon Data Breach Report:** The report includes the hack of a water utility's payment system and process control system. According to the report, the hacker exploited several vulnerabilities and manipulated a chemical feed and water flow which actually is a fictionalized narrative of a compilation of hacks against more than one organization, perhaps even in different countries. The story of the Kemuri Water Company is fiction ([more](#)).

Smugglers Abduct Water System Worker in New Mexico ([more](#)). **Governor Speaks at Nebraska Annual Conference** ([TV news](#)). **Nuclear Plant Leak Threatens Groundwater**

in Florida ([NY Times](#)).

The Story of New York City's Water Supply ([NY Times](#)).

NPR Goes in for Water Stories: Lead pipe removal in [Madison](#) (WI) and [Lansing](#) (MI) are feature stories. PFOA in [New Hampshire](#) and [New England](#) are also featured. The featured community in New Hampshire hit with PFOA is a former state drinking water contest winner.

Atlantic Magazine Says Water is Too Cheap: “There's a classic economic paradox about the price of water and value, and it comes from Adam Smith: Why do diamonds cost more than water? The comparison is meant to demonstrate how pricing works—that even though water is essential for human survival, our economy puts prices on things based on scarcity and value (and marginal utility). As long as water remained abundant, the cheapness of water would likely not change. But the price of water has come into serious question as drought-struck California and Western states debate whether water is too cheap” ([The Atlantic](#)).

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