

North Carolina Rural Water Assoc. (NCRWA) Executive Director Stands Up for his Membership: In an interview last week, NCRWA's Daniel Wilson updated us on the situation regarding drinking water from the Cape Fear River ([CBS This Morning](#)). Wilson has been drawn into the public and media discussion on the issue while explaining that the responsibility for the chemical, GenX, entering the drinking water supply lies with the manufacturer as opposed to the water utility ([news](#)). The Environmental Working Group (EWG) added to public confusion on the issue by releasing a national Tap Water Database claiming that *"federal drinking water standards are set at levels above what scientists have indicated results in health effects."* While commenting to the media on EWG's report, Wilson said, *"Utilities are likely always going to be a step behind the development of new chemicals. Regulating the source of man-made contamination is the key, but unless it's deemed a contaminant, then it can't be regulated. Therefore, new and emerging contaminants leave us in a reactive state ([news](#))."*

Mississippi Rural Water Association (MRWA) Executive Director Reviews Federal "Mandatory Consolidation" Law: In an in-person interview last week in Duncan (OK), MRWA's Kirby Mayfield explained that he is reviewing the ["mandatory consolidation"](#) Safe Drinking Water Act provision recently passed by a U.S. House of Representatives committee. The provision was added to legislation ([H.R. 3387](#)) that was originally sponsored by Mississippi Congressman Gregg Harper who asked for Mayfield's analysis of the provision to ensure it will not be detrimental to rural and small communities. Mayfield indicated he plans to have his review complete by the end of the month.

U.S. News Features New Mexico Small Communities' Water Struggles and NM Rural Water ([U.S. News](#)).

Evacuated Small Pennsylvania Community Learns Hard Lesson from last Week's Train Derailment: "Expect the worst ([news](#))."

"Federal Employees Step up Defiance of Trump": *"EPA career staffers have openly shredded their superiors within the last several weeks. 'I think career staff don't typically speak out publicly unless they feel like there are serious issues and problems going on within the agency' said a former Obama administration EPA spokeswoman ([The Hill](#))."*

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Tours Gold King Mine on Anniversary of Spill: Administrator Pruitt said President Obama "failed" to protect the environment while stating, "EPA should be held to the same standard as those we regulate. The previous Administration failed those who counted on them to protect the environment ([news](#))."

Portland Must Pick Filtration or Ultraviolet to Combat

Cryptosporidium: It's estimated to cost between \$350 million and \$500 million. The rainy winter resulted in 19 detections of cryptosporidium in three months ([news](#)).

Cannabis Grower Buys California Town to Build Pot-Friendly Outpost ([CNN](#)).

Durham (NC) Pool Chlorine Leak Affecting 43 Adults and Children: Thirty-nine people were actually in the pool at the time of the reported leak. Six children were transported to a local hospital in serious condition ([news](#)).

Typo on Kansas University's Water Tower: We can sympathize ([news](#)).

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