

Rural Water Policy Advisory [10/15/2018]

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Hurricane Michael:

- Florida Rural Water Website Updates ([FRWA.net](#)).
- NY Times videos: Michael's wake, aerial footage, "Trees Flying By" ([NYT](#)).
- Rural Water Emergency Responders to Help ([Route Fifty news](#)).
- Senator Rubio, "Rural areas badly hit and some cut off, that is my focus..." ([CNN video](#)).
- Professor blames climate change-denying Republicans for harming people ([Guardian.com](#)).
- Another professor and Nicholas Kristof fight it out on Twitter over "increasing" frequency and intensity of hurricanes ([Twitter](#)).
- Vice President Gore explains how climate change made Michael more severe ([PBS Newshour](#)).
- Ark. Rural Water mobilizing generators to help Florida ([Photo/Twitter](#)).
- President Trump holds briefings on hurricane from DHS and FEMA live on camera ([YouTube.com](#)).

Senate Passes "Rural Water Friendly" Water Bill, President to Sign Soon ([NRWA statement](#)): Senate author of bill goes to Senate floor to announce Arkansas Rural Water Association backs the bill ([YouTube](#)). Arkansas Senator relies on endorsement of Dennis Sternberg to explain new federal water infrastructure bill ([Times Record.com](#)). NRWA summary of SDWA provisions in the legislation ([section by section](#)).

New York City's Famed Tap Water's Strange Odor ([NYPost](#)).

Kansas Former Water Operator Indicted in Federal Court for Falsifying Bacteriological Samples: He faces up to five years in federal prison and up to \$250,000 in fines for each count if he's convicted ([Kansas.com](#)).

Newspaper Features NYRWA Smoke Testing with Deep Purple Reference ([Smoke on the Wastewater](#)).

Could New Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh be the Vote to Overturn Key Parts of the Safe Drinking Water Act: Constitutional law experts are focusing on the new court's interpretation of the [nondelegation doctrine](#) under the U.S. Constitution. On Oct. 2, the court heard oral arguments in [Gundy v. United States](#) which focuses on nondelegation doctrine — the rule that Congress cannot transfer its power to legislate to another branch of government without specifying an "intelligible principle" to guide its delegation of authority. Under [the Safe Drinking Water Act](#), the EPA Administrator is provided "sole judgement" authority in determining whether to regulate a substance (i.e. create a new MCL). The issue is particularly timely considering that EPA is deciding whether or not to craft MCLs for perchlorate and PFAS (and cyanotoxins, manganese, more HAAs, bromide, [etc.](#)).

Senator Cardin Introduces Bill ([S. 3564](#)) to Assist Low-income Households with Paying Water Bills.

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