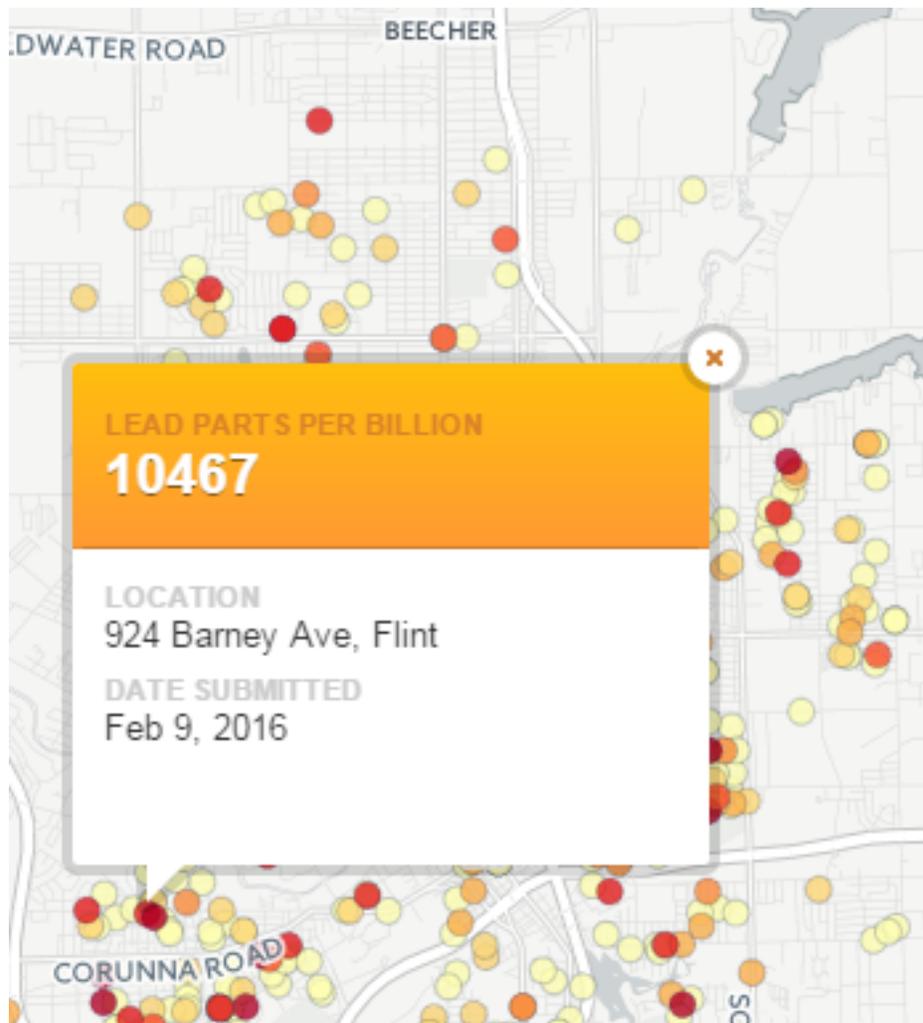


It Is Up to Congress to Fix EPA: The effort to have Congress fund the Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act is centered on the [House and Senate Dear Colleague letters](#) that show who in Congress wants to fix EPA funding. Currently these Members of Congress include Representatives Harper (MS), Tonko (NY), Graves (MO), Grayson (FL), Connolly (VA), Bishop (UT), Kirkpatrick (AZ), Lujan (NM), Cramer (ND) and Senators Wicker (MS), Heitkamp (ND) and Inhofe (OK). Please contact all other Representatives and Senators and urge them to support you and co-sign the dear colleague letters.



10,467 Parts per Billion at 924 Barney Ave, Flint: Detroit News publishes new lead in drinking water monitoring results in Flint ([map and results](#)).

Water Associations Tell EPA and DHS Not to Share Sensitive Water Data: The Department of Homeland Security is updating its regulations for the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) Program and

considering sharing protected sensitive critical infrastructure information voluntarily with regulatory agencies. Current regulations do not allow regulatory agencies to access or use PClI for regulatory purposes. NRWA and the national water association are planning to send a joint statement to the EPA and DHS that says, *“Our associations do not support changing the (PCII) Program to allow regulatory agencies to access PClI information. Providing regulatory agencies with access to PClI information could affect the willingness of the water and wastewater systems sector to share sensitive critical infrastructure protection information with the Department Homeland Security (DHS) and other homeland security and law enforcement agencies. Such a change would run counter to the fundamental understanding of the PClI Program: that reporting of highly sensitive security information is protected in order to promote information sharing.”*

EPA Says New Procedure for Lead Testing Coming: Robert Kaplan, the acting Midwest administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, says there is finally good news on that front. The EPA will begin rolling out better testing procedures in about a month. “We want to make sure we capture the peak of the lead, the worst case,” Kaplan says ([CBS news](#)).

Senator Bernie Sanders and Erin Brockovich Oppose Chloramines:

“The use of chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia to treat water, and other money-saving tricks have no place in our drinking-water rules” ([USAToday](#)). In the last few years, the City of Los Angeles and numerous other cities have implemented the use of chloramines to treat their drinking water in order to comply with federal standards.

South Carolina Lead in Drinking Water Occurs in Mobile Home Parks: State regulator says, *“We just want to try and determine what the factors are that may be leading to some of these small, rural systems having exceedances... Absolutely, people should be concerned, no level of lead is safe. It doesn’t matter how small it is, or how much it exceeds the federal limit”* ([more](#)).

Hoosick Falls in Upstate New York Coping with PFOA in its Water:

The problem was first discovered a year and a half ago, and every level of government failed to properly respond for months. Some local residents were not eager to go public with the water contamination story, worried that their property values could plunge and the factory could leave, costing them jobs. Students at the local high school held a forum and press conference. “What? We’ve been drinking poisoned water all of our lives” ([more](#))?

NRDC Sues EPA to Force MCL for Perchlorate Citing Flint ([more](#)).

Oklahoma Earthquakes Getting Stronger ([more](#)).

Insecticide Added to Drinking Water to Kill Mosquitos in Brazil ([NPR](#)).

Black Drinking Water in Texas City Where City Officials are under Federal Investigation: Residents of Crystal City, Tex. started posting photos of their dark drinking water Wednesday night, a day after Mayor Ricardo Lopez was arrested at a city council meeting for allegedly shoving a woman ([more](#)).

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