

**NRWA Participates at the Convening of National Collaborative to Remove Lead Water Lines:** Delaware Rural Water Association Circuit Rider Sherrie Turner and Maryland Rural Water Association Board Member George Hanson participated in the first meeting of the national Lead Service Line Replacement Collaborative ([charter](#) & participating [organizations](#)). The Collaborative includes most national water organizations, environmental groups, public health advocates, state agencies, local health organizations, etc. Turner was encouraged after the two-day meeting in Washington DC, saying, *“I hope to help this group identify solutions that are helpful and workable in small and rural communities, considering the challenges and limited resources in our membership.”* Hanson added, *“If we are successful in identifying a workable solution for small communities to voluntarily adopt, it should serve as a preferred alternative to a new uniform regulatory solution.”*



**Flint Water Heroes to Address to NRWA Regulatory Committee:**

Professors Marc Edwards and Yanna Lambrinidou have graciously agreed to present to the Regulatory Committee on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Washington, DC. The *Washington Post* calls Edwards *“the heroic professor who helped un-cover the Flint lead water crisis”* ([WashPo](#)). Dr. Edwards credits Dr. Lambrinidou with the successful effort to expose lead contamination in the City of Flint. Lambrinidou, president of Parents for Nontoxic Alternatives, believes the weaknesses in regulation that caused the problem have not been fixed. Dr. Lambrinidou was appointed to the EPA Lead Rule revisions work group and filed a [minority report](#) objecting to the work group’s [recommendations](#) to the EPA. If you have a question you would like addressed by the professors, please send it to [us](#).

**NRWA Considers Urging EPA to Withdraw Plan for More Regulation on Risk Management Plans:** EPA’s proposed new rule (Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs (RMP), March 14, 2016) regulates a number of community water systems that use the threshold amount of hazardous chemicals. The proposed rule expands and increases the regulatory burden on these community water systems. The NRWA Regulatory Committee is reviewing draft comments

to submit to the EPA ([link](#)). If you have any comments on the rule that we should include, please [contact us](#).

**St. Johns County Water Utility (FL) Detects E. Coli in Raw Water:** The utility issued a boil water notice for approximately 37,000 customers in St. Augustine after testing of raw water samples uncovered the presence of E. coli bacteria ([more](#)).

**City of Franklin (TN) Spends Over \$300,000 to Settle Citizen's Suit:** The city and the Harpeth River Watershed Association have reached a settlement agreement over the long-standing lawsuit against the city concerning pollution into the Harpeth River. The association, which filed the federal lawsuit in 2014, accused the city of illegally polluting the Harpeth River. The lawsuit led to a countersuit, input from federal regulators, and costly legal fees for the city ([more](#)).

**Sean Hannity Urges People Not to Drink Tap Water:** On Friday, the radio talk show host explained that he categorically does not drink tap water, does not trust the people who supply it, and recommends people use home treatment to clean their tap water. The Sean Hannity show is the second most popular radio talk show with an estimated [12½ million](#) weekly listeners.



## Rural Water's Global Coverage

- **Documentary - Kenya's Water Women:** Captivating documentary of women in rural Kenya records the work of these rural water organizers as they organize communities to develop clean water sources, pay for the service, and train locals on operation of their new drinking water systems ([Al Jazeera](#)).
- **BBC - The Ganges Feature:** The Ganges River is one of the greatest rivers on Earth but it is dying, according to the BBC. It is revered in India but it is also the sewer that carries away the waste from the 450 million people who live in its catchment area. Pollution from the factories and farms of the fastest-growing large economy in the world – and from the riverside cremation of Hindu true believers - has turned its waters toxic ([BBC](#)).

- **Reader Responds:** In reply to last week's coverage of the United Nations admonishment to the U.S. on the Flint lead in drinking water crisis, a reader in rural Maryland responds with the following comments: *"Like the UN has nothing more serious to worry about than to have their pious human rights experts stick their noses into the Flint problem? Their time would be better spent making sure that clean water is provided to the half a billion people throughout the world who do not have access to clean water- an effort that is primarily being led by the U.S. with American funding..."*
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