

Rural Water Policy Advisory [4/2/2018]

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Flint Water Activists and [Heroes](#); Professors Edwards and Lambrinidou Twitter discord over environmental justice "Heroism" ([Twitter](#)).

CNN's Dr. Gupta Goes to Martin County (KY) to Highlight Undrinkable Water: Locals don't trust the water, drive to fill bottles from local spring, fill open pools with rain water for their use, and get contaminated with potential cancer-causing chlorine byproducts. Water smells like diesel fuel and looks like Gatorade; Joe Burns of the Kentucky Rural Water Association trying to help, etc. ([CCN video](#)).

PFAS Health Advisories and EPA Hints at MCLs for PFAS: Wilmer Melton with NC rural water and NRWA's representative on the EPA's National Drinking Water Advisory Council is working on policy for the council regarding EPA health advisories for certain unregulated compounds (i.e. PFAS). The council's policy group recommends that EPA consult states and water utilities when developing health advisories. Last week, *Inside EPA* reported that the director of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water mentioned last week that EPA "is leaving the door open to issuing a federally enforceable standard" for PFAS, saying that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will consider setting the limit some states are seeking. Director Peter Grevatt was responding to questions from a New Jersey state official who pressed Grevatt for an MCL addressing PFAS to address the patchwork of state limits that is complicating cleanup efforts and confusing the public. In a Jan. 12 letter, ASDWA stated, "Without this unified message and information, we're concerned that several sets of differing risk numbers will be communicated from each agency, which will cause confusion, delay, or worse, no action at all." The NRWA Regulatory Committee is considering NRWA policy on these issues and whether a federal standard is preferable to disparate state standards, and whether a health advisory is preferable to MCLs, etc.

Cyberattack Brings Atlanta to Standstill: Citizens can't pay water bills; \$51,000 ransom demanded from SamSam; local governments susceptible because they don't have the resources to secure their systems ([PBS News](#)).

Bursting Sewage Pipes in Mumbai Sends Truck Ten Feet in the Air ([video](#)).

EPA Releases Drinking Water Needs Survey: EPA claims drinking water utilities need nearly half a trillion dollars in infrastructure upgrades during the next two decades ([EPA](#)).

Governor Christie Turns on EPA Administrator Over Apartment Rent ([ABC news](#)).

Williamsburg (VA) CCR Creates Positive News Article ([news](#)).

Water Activist Attacks Milwaukee City Government for "Missing" Documents on Lead Water Lines - Mayor Attacks Back ([Fox News](#)).

Massachusetts Prisoner on Hunger Strike after being Punished for Distributing Clean Water to Other Prisoners Who Otherwise Drink Foul-tasting, Tea-colored Water ([Democracy Now](#)).

Counterintuitive; "Flint Children's Lead Levels were Much Higher in 2006 Than During Water Crisis," ([ABC News](#)).

Israeli Desalination Plant Making Water Too Pure for Public Health ([news](#)).

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