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Flint Residents Asked To Flush Out Lead By Running Taps

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April 16, 2016

The EPA and MDEQ and the City of Flint issued a joint recommendation to the citizens of Flint to turn on bathroom, tub and kitchen taps and run them full-on for five minutes a day at no cost. This action is intended to help remove particulate lead that continues to contribute to spiked lead levels throughout Flint.

Flint To Gov. Snyder On Drinking Tap Water: You First

[Detroit Free Press](#)

April 15, 2016

The governor wants Flint residents to start drinking more filtered water out of their taps, but residents don't trust it, even with a filter, and want to see Snyder drink it first.

DEQ Culture That Failed In Flint Water Crisis Under Legislative Microscope

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April 12, 2016

Preliminary findings of the Joint Committee on the Flint Water Public Health Emergency show that the DEQ had moved away from their primary mission of protecting public health and the environment.

Experts: Flint Systems 'Recovering' But 'Unstable'

[The Detroit News](#)

April 11, 2016

Flint's water system is improving, but the system remains unstable, according to state and federal experts.

Roads Got Priority Over Pipes, Other Infrastructure, Says Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder

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April 7, 2016

In an address to the Lansing Regional Economic Club, Gov. Rick Snyder said his new focus on underground infrastructure stems out of the Flint water crisis.

Flint To Sue State, DEQ Over Water Source Switch

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April 1, 2016

Flint Mayor Karen Weaver filed a notice of intent to sue on March 24 with the Court of Claims. The letter names the State of Michigan, the DEQ and four DEQ employees as defendants.

EPA: Flint Still Lacks 'Comprehensive' Corrosion Plan

[The Detroit News](#)

March 31, 2016

The EPA told the state and city that their efforts to prevent further corrosion of Flint pipes is not a comprehensive approach, and it is a critical issue that must be addressed.

Flint Report Offers Damning Verdict On State Emergency Manager Law

[Bridge Magazine](#)

March 24, 2016

The conclusions of a five-member task force to investigate the Flint crisis: state government is foremost to blame for failing to keep lead from poisoning Flint's water supply. Key decisions to switch the city's water supply to the Flint River, and stay there – despite mounting public complaints – were made by a succession of state-appointed emergency managers.

Snyder Wants Stricter Lead Standards For Flint, State

[Detroit Free Press](#)

March 21, 2016

In a 75-point plan, Governor Snyder says he wants to do better than federal standards in Flint. The plan covers key goals in areas of water supply and infrastructure, health and human services, education and jobs/economic development.

Op-Ed: Gov. Snyder: Why I Testified On Flint

[The Detroit News](#)

March 17, 2016

"This shouldn't be a political issue. It's a tragedy affecting real families whose health and future are at stake. Not a day or night goes by that I don't question what more I could have done to prevent this. That's why I am so committed to delivering permanent, long-term solutions and the clean, safe drinking water that every Michigan citizen deserves."

Beyond Flint: Excessive Lead Levels Found In Almost 2,000 Water Systems Across All 50 States

[USA Today](#)

March 17, 2016

A USA TODAY NETWORK investigation has identified almost 2,000 additional water systems spanning all 50 states, where testing has shown excessive levels of lead contamination over the past four years.

Replacing Water, Sewer Infrastructure In Ann Arbor Comes At A Cost

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March 16, 2016

The city's administration is planning rate hikes that would increase revenues by about \$3 million to try to keep up with maintaining and replacing aging infrastructure.

Snyder Urges 'Immediate' Passage of \$220M Flint Aid Bill

[The Detroit News](#)

March 16, 2016

Gov. Snyder is asking Congress to immediately pass legislation pending in the Senate to protect the health and safety of Flint residents.

Coffins Line Street As Union Members Call On Gov. Rick Snyder To Resign

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March 14, 2016

The coffins, which previously were used in protests over Michigan's right-to-work law, were pulled out of storage. Protesters also held bottles of water mixed with Coke.