Federal Activity Related to Lead and Water Safety

Federal Resources

- ASPR Flint Website: [http://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/Flint/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/Flint/Pages/default.aspx) (continuous updates)
- CDC Lead Homepage [http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm)
- EPA Safe Drinking Water Act Website [http://www.epa.gov/sdwa](http://www.epa.gov/sdwa)
- EPA Flint Drinking Water Response Website: [http://www.epa.gov/flint](http://www.epa.gov/flint) (continuous updates)
- EPA is in the process of conducting a long-term revision the Lead and Copper Rule. The Lead and Copper Rule Working Group was convened in 2014. For background on the working group’s activities, visit [EPA’s website](http://www.epa.gov/sdwa).

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<td>Fact Sheet: Flint Residents: Active Steps to Keeping Your Family Safe</td>
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This legislation would:
- Require each owner or operator of a public water system to notify customers when 10% of its customers have lead levels above 15 parts per billion
- Require EPA to make a public notice within 24 hours of the state or the owner or operator learning about the
exposure and not informing affected customers
• Require EPA to develop a strategic plan for communicating lead exposure risk to people affected by lead in a public water system

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<td>National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program (CDC)</td>
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<td>Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CDC)</td>
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The President’s Fiscal Year 2017 budget proposal includes level funding for CDC’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. Notable changes include a $10 million reduction to CDC’s Environmental Public Health Tracking Program, which helps identify populations and risk factors to better target lead prevention efforts in states.

The budget proposal also includes $2 billion in water infrastructure assistance to the states and territories to be provided through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, an overall reduction of $257 million from the FY 2016 enacted levels.

Within this amount, the budget proposes to fund the Drinking Water SRF at $1.02 billion, an increase of $157 million over the FY 2016 enacted level. The DWSRF provides loan assistance to states to make infrastructure improvements needed to fix or replace aging water infrastructure, to achieve or maintain compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements, and to protect public health. According to the congressional justification, this increase will result in funding for approximately 71 drinking water infrastructure projects.

The proposed reduction in EPA’s water infrastructure budget is targeted to the Clean Water SRF, which helps states maintain wastewater systems and address the causes of pollution at their source. The budget includes $979.5 million for this fund, a reductions of $414 million below the FY 2016 enacted level. According to the congressional justification, this reduction in funds will result in approximately 170 fewer wastewater infrastructure projects.
Other major water infrastructure proposals in EPA’s budget include:
- Elimination of the $26.8 million Water Quality Research and Support Grant program
- $112.6 million for Drinking Water Programs, an increase of $12.5 million. The majority of this increase, $9.1 million, would be used to complement the EPA’s state revolving fund infrastructure investments and promote economic growth through innovative financing techniques
- $228.2 million for Surface Water Protection Programs, an increase of $27.9 million, to support green infrastructure, wastewater systems and other surface water and water quality activities
- $20 million in first-time funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program, which will support large innovative projects of regional or national significance and work to support investments in small communities and promote public-private collaboration
- $246.1 million, an increase of $15.4 million for states and tribes to implement water pollution control programs and strengthen their nutrient management efforts
- $109.7 million for Public Water System Supervision grants, an increase of $7.7 million, to help states improve asset management programs, encourage financial planning, identify potential threats to drinking water sources in a watershed, plan for water availability challenges such as droughts and floods, and evaluate the opportunities to facilitate water system partnerships
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- A $3.1 million decrease to drinking water system research, which includes research and tools to support small drinking water systems for states, tribes, and localities as well as research to expand water reuse for municipalities, irrigation, and energy production and thermoelectric cooling

| CDC/NCEH/ASTDR | Meeting: National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Lead Poisoning Prevention (LPP) Subcommittee Meeting on Activities to Improve Health Outcomes and Address Health Disparities as it Relates to Lead Exposures. | Notice |

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<td>The Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee plan to hold a hearing in March.</td>
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<td>U.S. Senate</td>
<td>Announcement Posted on the Senate’s Floor Schedule for Next Week</td>
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43-54 vote. The Senate adjourned until Monday, Feb. 8.

U.S. House

**Legislation:** Congressman Dan Kildee (D-5th) Introduces Families of Flint Act

The “Families of Flint Act” would:

- Invest $385M in infrastructure repairs to replace lead pipes – ($770M total with state match)
- Provide $235M in services for Flint families and children – ($470M total with state match). Included in this total is $135M for HHS to fund head start programs ($125M); school based health centers ($5M); and mental health services ($5M)
- Authorizes USDA to expand WIC benefits up to age 10 where a federal state of emergency has been declared
- $5M for HUD lead prevention programs
- $100M for health monitoring via a Center of Excellence on Lead Exposure – ($200M total with state match)

**Bill Text Summary**

U.S. Senate

**Flint Aid Legislation:** Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Gary Peters (D-MI) are working to get an amendment attached to an energy bill moving through the Senate, S. 2012, the Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015. The amendment would direct up to $600 million in aid to Flint. Within this total:

- $400 million would be used to match state funds to repair and replace old pipes
- The remainder would fund research and education on lead poisoning

Negotiations to bring a compromise aid package to the floor continued through the close of legislative business for the week.

See “SA 3249” in the Congressional Record on Feb. 3
### Policy proposals in Stabenow-Peters Amendment

- Directs the Director of ATSDR, at the request of state of local health officials, to conduct voluntary surveillance activities on any adverse health effects from lead exposure and provide consultation on related health issues
- Requires EPA to directly notify the public if there is a danger from lead in their water system, if the State refuses to do so within 15 days. This clarifies EPA’s authority in providing notification to the public
- Establishes a $200M Center of Excellence on Lead Exposure in Flint that will, among other things, create an advisory committee to provide scientific and technical support and establish a health registry to monitor lead exposure
- Requests EPA OIG and GAO reports on the adequacy of response in Flint and ways to prevent a similar situation in the future

### Legislation: Safe Drinking Water Act Improved Compliance Awareness Act

Reps. Fred Upton (R-6th) and Dan Kildee (D-5th) introduce the Safe Drinking Water Act Improved Compliance Awareness Act.

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### Witnesses:
- The Hon. Dan Kildee Representative (MI-5) U.S. House of Representative
- Mr. Joel Beauvais, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Mr. Keith Creagh, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan
- Mr. Marc Edwards, Charles P. Lundsford Professor of Environmental and Water Engineering, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Ms. LeeAnne Walters, Flint Resident

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