

Flint Michigan

Background:

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder appointed the first of a series of unelected emergency managers to run the city. Those managers, who reported directly to the Michigan state treasury department and not to the citizens of Flint, decided to switch the city's water supply from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to the Flint River as a cost-saving measure.



What is happening?

Many residents apart of the Flint Michigan community were exposed to high-risk levels of lead and exposed to an outbreak of the Legionnaire disease which killed 12 people and sickened many others.



Effects:

- The city informed residents that the elevated levels of lead had been detected in Flint's water, later the crisis started to cost Flint, Michigan. In Jan. 16th, the president released an emergency fund of 5 million in federal funds to assist Flint Michigan.
- The switch from DWSD to the Flint River lowered chlorine levels causing bacteria to flourish which then caused infection rates to go through the roof.



Action Plan

Although the water is still unsafe that are coming up with many ways to solve this such as:

- Protest
- Stop Using Flint River Water
- Buy Bottled Water
- Free Filters & Water Testing
- Switch Back to Detroit Water Supply
- Providing Professional Support



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