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Wurfel says to NPR you have to poison kids for a year before implementing corrosion control, and to determine the right orthophosphate dose?

Eric, is this going to be part of the new improved LCR? And is EPA going to hand Miguel's draft memo to Wurfel, to finalize and/or approve? Wurfel PROMISES THAT the final memo is going to tell a different story. And Miguel is now a ROGUE EPA employee?

EPA Office of Water and EPA Region 5 are a national embarrassment. You have a city in crisis, kids with elevated blood lead, and NO CORROSION CONTROL PLAN FOR 16 MONTHS, and yet you sit there and do absolutely nothing.

Marc

<http://www.npr.org/2015/09/29/444497051/high-lead-levels-in-michigan-kids-after-city-switches-water-source>

A [draft report from the EPA](#) that was obtained by the ACLU of Michigan also takes the city and state to task.

"Prior to April 30, 2014, the City of Flint purchased finished water from the City of Detroit which contained orthophosphate, a treatment chemical used to control lead and copper levels in the drinking water," the report read, adding that the treatment was discontinued after the switch to Flint River water.

"In accordance with the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), all large systems ... are required to install and maintain corrosion control treatment for lead and copper. In the absence of any corrosion control treatment, lead levels in drinking water can be expected to increase," the report continued.

A Solution May Be Near

But officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality dispute the findings of the draft report. MDEQ spokesman Brad Wurfel says the report was the work of a "rogue employee," and promised the final report — not yet released — would tell a much different story.

"You have to have to do a full year of studying" the water chemistry as it behaves across the system before implementing corrosion control, Wurfel says, adding that's the only way to know how much phosphate to add to the water.