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Information concerning the latest lead issues in portions of the Newark water system

The American Water Works Association (AWWA), on the national level, has been in touch with EPA regarding the recent incidents in the City of Newark regarding lead levels in a portion of their water system. Bench and field testing are occurring at present. That testing is intended to evaluate not only the filters but hypotheses for why the filters might not be working in Newark, **when performance has been previously demonstrated in Flint, the published peer-reviewed literature, and NSF certification protocols.** There is not a public timeline for those efforts.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) took the unusual step in issuing [questions and answers](#) regarding the Newark situation. The mechanisms that impact lead corrosion in water systems are very complex and dependent on a large number of variables.

The USEPA, the NJDEP and the City of Newark continue to investigate the cause of this latest lead issue. The NJ Section of AWWA and our national organization will continue to monitor the situation and provide updated information based on current science and health-based knowledge.

AWWA has prepared a number of lead resources as listed below:

- [Lead Whiteboard Explainer](#)
- [Lead Communications Toolkit](#)
- [Lead Resource page](#)
- [DrinkTap's Lead In Water page](#)
- [DrinkTap's Water Filters and Home Treatment Devices page](#)