

## Lead in Drinking Water Scaring the Public and Increasing Distrust in Local Government:

- **Newark (NJ):** *"State officials are warning that children under 6 in homes with lead pipes served by the plant should not drink unfiltered tap water. Residents frustrated at how long it took the city to admit the problem. In Newark, about a quarter of the more than 14,000 children under 6 who were tested in 2016 had measurable levels of lead in their blood, according to an analysis by Advocates for Children of New Jersey of the most recent publicly available state data. No amount of lead exposure is known to be safe for children, whose mental and physical development can be impaired, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (NYTimes)."*
- **Milwaukee:** The Black Panthers announced Saturday that its members will be going door-to-door to inform residents that they have lead laterals bringing water into their homes and the steps they can take to minimize health risks. The Panthers announced the campaign at a news conference in front of the Mayor's home. Panther leader accused the mayor of *"dereliction of duty."* Racism cited, *"Milwaukee still remains the most hypersegregated city in the country, the worst place to raise a black child,"* said the Panther leader ([USA Today](#)).
- **San Diego:** Elementary school with "water only" policy finds lead in drinking water ([ABC TV](#)).
- **Flint:** University of Michigan professor calls the Flint water crisis *"the most egregious example of environmental injustice and racism in my over three decades of studying this issue"* ([MI Live](#)).