

My name is Dee White. (VISUAL UP) Once again I am sad to report that among all large cities, Portland continues to have the highest levels of lead in our drinking water. This chart shows lead levels indicating the effectiveness of corrosion control from consumer confidence reports, otherwise known as water quality reports. EPA requires this reporting from water utilities yearly.

There's Portland in the middle of the chart, the highest bar by far. Flint is on the far right.

Lead in water is tasteless, odorless, and invisible. There is no safe level. Pregnant women and babies who are exposed to even small amounts of lead suffer lifelong health-harm to brain development and the nervous system.

A 2016 OHSU study (1) confirmed a causal link between childhood lead exposure and ADHD. Lead also causes irreversible blood cell damage that can lead to cancer, kidney disease and a major risk of death from heart attacks and cardiovascular disease.

Portland is blessed with pure, soft, corrosive water from a pristine, federally protected watershed. Nevertheless, due to unethical and misguided policy adopted by our city council, we are facing a silent public health threat in Portland that has nothing to do with cryptosporidium , an intestinal malady (2) , and everything to do with lead, a potent neurotoxin.

Portland ratepayers will continue to be shackled with skyrocketing water bills for Cryptosporidium treatment - unquestionably costly and unnecessary - while y'all simultaneously downplay the lead issue and delay optimal treatment of our soft corrosive water. This is a travesty.

**Over 2 years ago** , the EPA ordered the city to " expeditiously " reduce high levels of lead. Unfortunately for our community, rather than trigger an alarm and immediately follow the law, the Water commissioner deemed EPA's call to action a "non-event."

Commissioner Fish, you need to own this public health threat and not continue to ignore federal law, dismiss citizen concerns, and blame customers' plumbing. Stop passing the buck to all of us when you know there is an inextricable link between

corrosive water and lead levels found at customer taps. Somehow the public has been kept from learning that the water bureau's ongoing 'exceedances' are preventable.

I'll leave you with this question: you convinced City Council to approve a \$500 million filtration plant.....for cryptosporidium. Why did you not urgently demand to begin optimized treatment immediately to significantly reduce lead at the tap and protect public health?

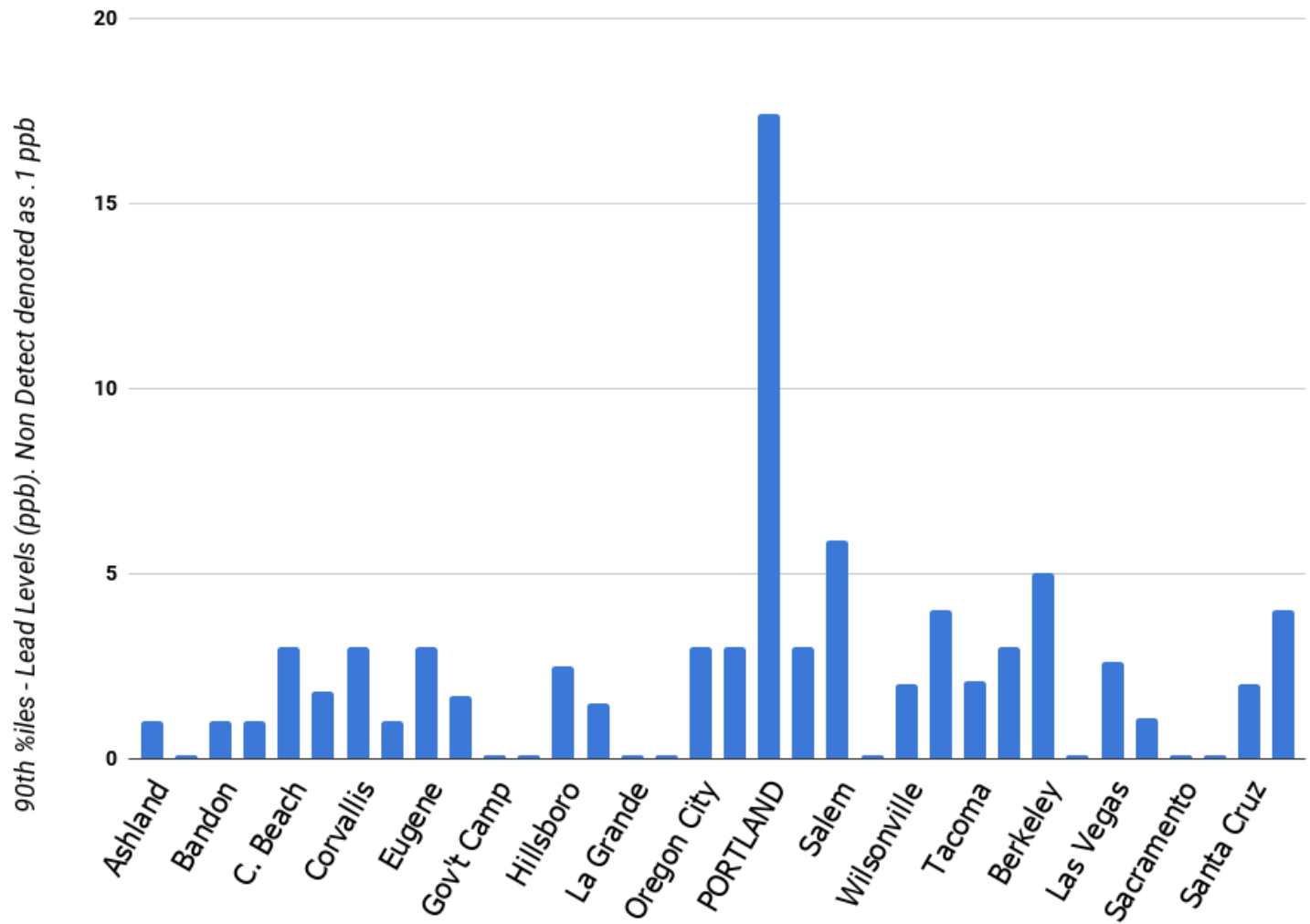
You've had enough wake-up calls. Doing nothing today to protect our drinking water is not an option.

(1) <https://news.ohsu.edu/2016/01/07/study-first-to-confirm-causal-link-between-lead-exposure-and-adhd>

(2) <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto/index.html>

Albany	1
Ashland	1
Baker City	0.1
Bandon	1
Bend	1
C. Beach	3
Coos Bay	1.8
Corvallis	3
The Dalles	1
Eugene	3
Gold Beach	1.7
Gov't Camp	0.1
Grants Pass	0.1
Hillsboro	2.5
Hood River	1.5
La Grande	0.1
Medford	0.1
Oregon City	3
Pendleton	3
<b>PORTLAND</b>	<b>17.4</b>
Roseburg	3
Salem	5.9
Tigard ND	0.1
Wilsonville	2
Bellingham	4
Tacoma	2.1
Seattle	3
Berkeley	5
Fresno	0.1
Las Vegas	2.6
Palo Alto	1.1
Sacramento	0.1
San Diego	0.1
Santa Cruz	2
Flint	4

Source: 2017 Annual CCR, western U.S. - Lead is regulated at Water customer taps



## Davis, Meghaan

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**From:** Dee White <deewhite1@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 12:57 PM  
**To:** Davis, Meghaan  
**Subject:** [Approved Sender] RE: [User Approved] RE: Sign up for communication

Could you please put me down for August 8? Also I may be changing the subject but will let you know well in advance.

Thank you, Meghaan,  
Dee White

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**From:** Davis, Meghaan [mailto:Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Dee White  
**Subject:** RE: [User Approved] RE: Sign up for communication

I have August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th available and commissioner Eudaly will be absent the first 3 weeks in August and so far we have everyone here on the 22nd and the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Just let me know what day you prefer and I will get you down.

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**From:** Dee White [mailto:deewhite1@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 9:05 AM  
**To:** Davis, Meghaan <Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov>  
**Subject:** [User Approved] RE: Sign up for communication

August preferred. Thanks!  
Dee

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**From:** Davis, Meghaan [mailto:Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 8:49 AM  
**To:** [deewhite1@mindspring.com](mailto:deewhite1@mindspring.com)  
**Subject:** RE: Sign up for communication

Good Morning Dee,

I have some slots open in July and in August. Is there a certain month that you prefer?

Thanks,

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**From:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018 2:27 PM  
**To:** Davis, Meghaan <[Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov)>  
**Cc:** [deewhite1@mindspring.com](mailto:deewhite1@mindspring.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Sign up for communication

Hello Meghaan,

Would you please help Dee with her request to speak during communications.

Thank you,  
Karla  
Karla Moore-Love | Council Clerk  
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**From:** Dee White [<mailto:deewhite1@mindspring.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018 2:22 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla <[Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov)>  
**Subject:** Sign up for communication

Hi Karla,

I would like to sign up for a communication.

Request of Dee White to address Council regarding an update on lead in our drinking water and the city's inaction

Thank you!

Dee White

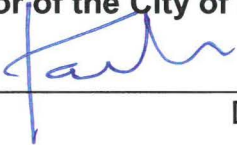
Request of Dee White to address Council regarding an update on lead in our drinking water and City inaction (Communication)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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4. Eudaly		
Wheeler		