

**SCI-Frackville's Flint Michigan--Rampant Water Contamination**  
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The captive-audience, at SCI-Frackville erupted with inquiries about the visible, and odiferous changes experienced with the running water supply during the week of 6/13/16 through 6/23/16.

**Water is a liquid that is a major constituent of all living matter.** Clean water is vitally essential to everyday life, i.e., cleaning, cooking, hygiene, and keeping hydrated, etc.

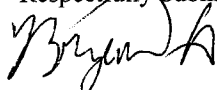
The frequency with which this problem occurs, would lead any person of reasonable firmness to the inevitable conclusion that either this problem isn't given the proper and serious attention it warrants or that the Maintenance Dept., Spvr., C. Slodysko, lacks the adequate knowledge to tackle the problem. These are two of the reasons I would like to think about as a possible answer as to why this problem has eluded a permanent resolution because the third is even to perverse for me to fathom--Flint Michigan has struck right in our back yard.

Staff-members, Healthcare providers, Administrators, and the Maintenance Dept., are conscious about the constant pre-flushing, filthy water being infiltrated into our water supply; coupled with that, this has not escaped the notice of those in charge about those inmates that reside here who have severely deficient immune systems due to diseases such as : Hepatitis A, B, or C, Kidney problems, HIV, etc. To those inmates having to drink this contaminated water could be lethal because of an already pre-existing weakened immune deficiency which in turn prevents their bodies from disposing of toxins which leads to complications, compounding the problems in existence with the current infectious diseases that they medicate daily in order to maintain a balanced immune system. This translates to higher costs in treatment of those individuals--(citizens) ultimately have to pay for.

Finally, I submit, that in times when the water is visibly dirty, as it was for the entire week; inmates should **not be forced to drink the contaminated water while the staff, at SCI-Frackville, is provided bottled spring-water** because this practice alone only adds insult to injury, creating resentment and animosity, in light, of the clear regard for the staff's health and blatant disregard for the inmate population's health and well-being. As a human solution, inmates should have the benefit of bottled-water, as the staff enjoys to prevent being infected with some unknown bacteria like, Polycythemia Vera which may cause some serious and irreparable damage-harm in the long-run. Therefore, as a practical matter this problem should and must be addressed without any further delay.

I'd like to pose two questions for you to consider: "If you offer a thirsty man/woman a glass filled with clean water and a glass filled with dirty water, there is absolutely no question which one you'll drink?" But if you offer the inmate population a glass of dirty water and an empty glass. You can already surmise which one we (Inmates) are forced to drink -- bacteria infested, DIRTY WATER?"... Flint Michigan and the residents, at SCI-Frackville are drinking the same contaminated water... Flint is right in our backyard and the DOC, DEP, and EPA doesn't care about us--they are one and of the same!!!

Respectfully Submitted,



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