

Flint mayor: \$55 million needed to replace pipes

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Todd Flood suggested manslaughter as a possibility during a meeting with reporters Tuesday.

"Even when these officials knew of a lead problem, they failed to act, thus resulting in an epidemic of lead poisoning", said attorney Brian McKeen, managing partner of McKeen & Associates.

"This is rather glaring information and it needs to be looked into now, prior to the warmer summer months when Legionella is at its peak and we are potentially faced with a crisis", the email [says](#).

"In a ideal world we wouldn't be investigating my city". [Michigan Department of Environmental Quality](#) officials have acknowledged they made a mistake when they failed to require needed corrosion-control chemicals to be added to the water.

At least nine lawsuits have landed over the past three months in Genesee County, Michigan, Circuit Court, U.S. District Court in Detroit and the Michigan Court of Claims over lead contamination, a surge in Legionnaires' disease or other public health issues connected to city water drawn from the Flint River over 18 months.

At a press conference in Flint this morning, Weaver said the city has been emotionally traumatized and that they have to replace the pipes to restore trust in the city. "And that's what draws us to this - is to get these people their answers...These people are victims".

The woman was interviewed by a group of men from Washington D.C. who are in Flint handing out bottled water to citizens.

"For many members of the Senate Republican Caucus, the crisis in Flint has generated questions about statewide infrastructure needs and the Majority Leader is interested in exploring options for Flint and all communities in MI to ensure the most basic services are reliable and safe".

"The engineers are by far the most knowledgeable people involved... and that's why we think LAN has such pronounced liability in this case", he said. Snyder and Earley have repeatedly tried to dodge any accountability for their roles in the crisis.

MI is one of just two states with a blanket exemption for the governor and the executive office from open-records requests. Residents of in the mostly poor and black city of 100,000 complained that the water appeared brown in color and anxious that children had been exposed to unsafe levels of lead at home and in their schools.

Authorities in MI unveiled a plan Tuesday to remove and replace lead-tainted pipes in Flint's water distribution systems amid an ongoing political controversy over how the city's water supply became contaminated under the watch of elected officials.

Gov. Rick Snyder is expected Wednesday to propose a \$195 million plan for new state aid to address Flint's lead-contaminated water, but it may not help break a congressional logjam on federal aid for the city.

"The cost of water is not cheap these days, but it's one of the things that's going to help the overall system heal itself faster, if we can get the particle-laden water through, and let the orthophosphate coat the pipes".

"The more I **read** and learn about this, the angrier I get...."