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Subject: RE: Media Request - Men's Health Magazine

Aleisha,

On background:

How many Americans or households are currently provided tap water? And how much tap water is used per year in the US?

More than 300 million people depend on 50,000 community water systems across the country for safe, reliable water every day. Over 92% percent of the population supplied by community water systems receives drinking water that meets all health-based standards all of the time. More information is [here](#).

I have read about the three water systems: Community Water System, Non-Transient Non-Community Water System, and Transient Non-Community Water System. How do these systems' water sources and regulation vary?

The source of each water system varies depending on the given system. Learn about how water system's work [here](#). How regulations apply vary by water system type, size and regulation, learn more [here](#).

How does the EPA regulate collection, treatment, and distribution of tap water?

EPA has drinking water standards for more than 90 contaminants, including microorganisms, disinfectants, disinfection byproducts, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radionuclides. For more information, go [here](#).

How can consumers identify their water supplier? How can consumers obtain their local CCR? For example, when I ran the EPA's search for Chicago, 7 water systems are given. And none provide CCRs.

<https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/safewater/f?p=136:103:::NO::>

If you get your drinking water from a public water system, you can contact your local water supplier and ask for a copy of your Consumer Confidence Report also known as an Annual Water Quality Report. This report lists what regulated chemicals, microbes and bacteria may be in your drinking water, and whether the system meets state and [EPA drinking water standards](#). Your water

system sends the report to you annually, but if you missed it, you can get another copy by contacting your drinking water utility. Also, some public water systems upload their Consumer Confidence Report to [EPA's website](#).

How can consumers have comprehensive testing of their tap water? For example, I used the below EPA link to have my water tested recently, and lead was the only thing that was tested.

If a consumer chooses to have their water tested, EPA recommends that they only use laboratories that are certified to do drinking water tests. To find a certified laboratory in your state, you can contact:

- A State Certification Officer to get a list of certified water testing labs in your state, go [here](#). For additional information on testing, go [here](#).

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Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986. To find out for certain if you have lead in drinking water, have your water tested. Remember older homes with a private well can also have plumbing materials that contain lead.

Important Steps You Can Take to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

- Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes.
- Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator).
- If you use a filter certified to remove lead, don't forget to read the directions to learn when to change the cartridge. Using a filter after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead.

Contact your water company to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead. Your area's water company can also provide information about the lead levels in your system's drinking water.

How many Americans rely on well water, on why does the EPA not regulate well water? What can homeowners do to ensure safe well water?

EPA regulates systems based requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA does not regulate private wells nor does it provide recommended criteria or standards for individual wells. To learn more, go [here](#).

EPA recommends that private well owners should you test their well regularly. They should check for nitrates, total coliforms (e.g. bacteria) and for any specific types of contamination that may be found in the watershed. Visit [EPA's website](#) for a variety of resources that can help you learn more about private wells.

What would you want consumers who opt for bottled water to know about both water safety and environmental impact?

Please reach out to the Food and Drug Administration. A media contact there is Peter Cassell, Peter.Cassell@fda.hhs.gov

From: K. Aleisha Fetters [Ex. 6]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 6:13 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Request - Men's Health Magazine

Thanks, Enesta -

I really appreciate it. I would love to speak with someone at the EPA about the following questions. My deadline for this piece is May 31. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions. I'm happy to chat via phone or email. Also, I've been combing though the EPA website, but if you are able to point me to any data and statistics on tap water use or safety, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thanks so much!
Aleisha

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<https://www.epa.gov/dwlabcert/contact-information-certification-programs-and-certified-laboratories-drinking-water>

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On Wed, May 23, 2018 at 4:39 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Aleisha, thanks for reaching out. Please send specific questions and firm deadline.

On May 23, 2018, at 5:38 PM, K. Aleisha Fetters <**Ex. 6**> wrote:

Enesta -

Happy Wednesday! How are you doing?

My name is Aleisha Fetters, and I'm a writer with Men's Health magazine. I'm working on an upcoming print article that will explore the health and safety of tap water, and the EPA immediately came to mind as a resource that I definitely want to include in this piece.

The article will be four pages, and very data/infographic heavy. We're really interested in diving deep into the data and statistics on tap water consumption, safety, and pertinent topics.

I would love to speak with an EPA expert for this piece and wanted to see if it would also be open to sharing some of its data, graphs, and charts for the piece. My editors and I would really love to partner with the EPA on this, and would of course credit the EPA with all info.

That said, just let me know what you would need to make it happen. Thank you so much! I'm looking forward to working with you on this!

Best,
Aleisha

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