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From: Sal Vaglica [Ex. 6]
Sent: 2/27/2018 9:02:14 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=65b8e6c6e5ca4a7a9ae85d98a4c8eedb-EJones02]
CC: Press [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b293283291dc44e0b5d1c36be9281d8a-Press]
Subject: Re: home water filtration for Men's Health

Oh, this is perfect Enesta! Thank you!!!

On Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 3:51 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Sal –

On background:

For a summary of violations, please [go here](#).

It is important to note that this data is pulled from the same source (SDWIS-Fed database) as the SDWIS website, is from 2017 Q43, and includes data from systems active within the year. SDWIS is the data system that allows you to break out the data based on the question you are asking.

From: Sal Vaglica [Ex. 6]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 10:56 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: home water filtration for Men's Health

Hi Enesta:

Thanks for this and I appreciate the ability to zero in on a specific water authority. However, I'm hoping to paint the failing water treatment facilities with a broad brush nationally so I'm hoping a sentiment like: The 9% of municipalities that fail to meet the EPA's standard do so because they have a higher concentration of TK in the water.

Then I'm hoping to swap the "TK" out for whatever the name is of the most commonly found in too high a level chemical/element is. I don't have to quote you or the EPA on this.

Thanks,

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On Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 8:28 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Sal,

On background:

For data on drinking water system violations, go [here](#).

To create a report on violations:

- Click on the "Advanced Search Options"
- Select Report "Violations"
- Choose any filters within the Water System filters section
- Click the "View Report" button on the upper right below the search box, which will generate the report
- Once the report loads (it may take some time) you can add additional filters and formatting
- To get a copy of the data you can click to the right "Download Report"
- A .CSV file download will open in excel
- In excel, filters and/or pivot tables can be helpful

From: Sal Vaglica **Ex. 6**
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2018 10:17 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: home water filtration for Men's Health

Hi Ernesta:

Thanks for sending this; very helpful. My editor wants to know about the 9 percent of municipality water that fails the EPA standards. My guess is when they fail it's because they have a concentration of something in excess of the EPA's Safe Water Drinking Act. So I think a general idea of what is the most common reason they fail would be helpful. Could you provide that? Is it excessive chlorine in the water or some other contaminant?

Best,
Sal Vaglica, on behalf of Men's Health

On Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 3:28 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Sal,

“Over 91 percent of community water systems meet all health-based standards all of the time.” – EPA spokesperson

On background: EPA does not endorse or recommend any filter. However, citizen’s considering using a filter, should ensure that the filter is from an organization that is accredited and certifies using American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards.

Learn more [here](#).

To find data on water utility compliance with EPA’s standards, visit [here](#).

From: Sal Vaglica Ex. 6
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 8:58 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: home water filtration for Men's Health

Hi Ernesta:

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. It would be great if I could hear back by tomorrow morning (EST); I know that's not a heck of a lot of time to wrangle these up, but I'd love to get the EPA's take on this.

Best,

Sal Vaglica

On Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 7:19 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Sal,

We have your inquiry below. What's your firm deadline?

Thanks,

Enesta

I'm a freelance writer working on a short story about home filtration for Men's Health's upcoming spring issue. Having worked at This Old House I have a solid understanding of why you'd want to filter your water (hard water, etc.), but I could use your expertise to cover the environmental end of things.

If you could have a look at the questions below and provide feedback, that would be great. We like to hear from experts in matters like this and am happy to quote you if you'd like (it's not mandatory).

1_Should you filter your drinking water? When MH last ran a water filtering story (2009) it said only 8 percent of the country's municipal water supplies failed to meet the EPA's standards so, most homeowners *probably* don't need to filter their drinking water. So then is the decision to filter based pretty much on taste and/or odor? Do you know how many municipalities passed or failed the EPA's standards in the last year the statistic is available?

2_Bathroom water: Outside of treating for hard water are there any reasons to filter the water you shower with or use from the bathroom sink?

3_What kind of filter: What kind of certification should you look for if you do decide to get a filter?

4_New technologies: Not that I would portray it as an endorsement, but are there any new kinds of residential water filters that you guys are excited about?

Thank you,

Sal Vaglica, on behalf of Men's Health magazine