

Great Lakes Water Authority
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To the Board:

Raising water and wastewater rates all the time is the sign of mismanagement.

While every Tom, Dick, and Harry anaerobically digest the sewage sludge to produce natural gas and thus lower the wastewater treatment costs to consumers, *we* burn or dry our sludge for costly landfills. When rainwater can be contained only in ditches or tunnels, *we* are reconditioning combined sewer retention basins which do not work in the first place.

In water operations we use costly chlorine disinfection instead of ultraviolet, dump food-grade phosphoric acid which corrodes our pipes, and do not regenerate aluminum sludge. The list goes on.

This is why the 2016 bond for 1.7 billion dollars \$\$ did not solve any problems. Money \$\$ is *not* the problem, but *mismanagement* is.

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