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I wonder there ever was a concrete plan to have good and cheaper water supply to the Tri-county region!! A few years ago, the DWSD was handed over to GLWA and just before that, under the false pretext of saving money for the Department, about 14 Analytical Chemists were laid-off from DWSD Analytical Laboratory. The DWSD created a procedure for evaluation of the existing Chemists and still, without even glancing at it, the Department simply used it as a ploy and weapon to remove all the union- Sanitary Chemists and Technicians Association (SCATA)- officials! I was the vice-president of the association and was also removed even though I was the second senior most chemist with no adverse remarks about my work or knowledge of subject or attendance record! I hold a MS degree in Chemistry, a MBA degree with Waste Management, a post-graduate certificate in Hazardous Waste Control and a Certificate in Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) at the master level. I am an adjunct faculty in Chemistry at the Wayne County Community College. I could not move up in my career with DWSD simply because I complained to the then Director (who is currently the GLWA Director too!) about the inept Lab management. People with no Chemistry degree were retained and even promoted. These are not simply accusations; they can be proved. Now the GLWA Analytical Lab is just for simple analyses for basic technicians, and they fail in most such analyses!! Bringing the management a new name with the power entrusted to the same old individuals cannot improve the efficiency or standard.

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