GLWA Public Comment for September 25, 2019

Today a friend said she saw on Yahoo News that the drinking water in the United States is linked to Cancer; supposedly the problem is arsenic and the water treatment plant's treatment chemical by-products. My friend tells me that by 2002, only 5% of the water treatment plants used chlorine; we know that residual chlorine compounds are cancerous and hard to get out of the water, but what are the by products for the other chemicals and their combinations, which can result in ill health? Can they be removed?

Can other chemical contaminants coming from outside the treatment plant be removed? Can Pee-fosh (sp) be removed? How do you remove radiation from the water? Should we stop US Ecology from putting fracking waste into our sewer system? this waste could be radioactive, as well as chemically poisonous.

Is it easier to keep the poisons out, than to get them out?

Step 1: Monitor Potential Polluters: (Our Current Practice of Self-Monitoring is like "the fox guarding the hen house.")

Step 1a: Research the chemicals you are using for water treatment and take corrective action…

Step 1b: Test for radioactivity, arsenic, chlorine compounds-since we are part of the 5% that still use chlorine, and any other chemicals found to be related to elevated cancer levels in our and in other populations.

Study, Plan and Build a new infrastructure that separates the storm water from the sewer and that provides a separate ultra-treated drinking water pipe as an addition to the main water main.

With a change in politicians we have a change in appointees; could we have public hearings on who is most educated in the field of water and its management

To tackle these challenges? The roads and the underground infrastructure is damaged by an inadequate system. Look at the cracks along the west side of north bound Lodge Freeway… water did that. We can live with crumbling roads that we use to pollute; most people without water, don't drive cars. Cindy Darrah