

[William Hammond](#) Can you explain what the difference of opinion is between the experts?

I hear that the water still is not safe to use w/o filters. That a high percentage of tested homes are below the Federal standard. I don't see this information as contradictory. · [January 11 at 6:15pm](#)



[Laura Sullivan](#) I don't understand your question, William. Do you mean the experts who were present tonight on the stage?

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[William Hammond](#) [Laura Sullivan](#) In your statement above you make it sound like there is disagreement between the experts, Dr. Edwards, & McElmurry & some others. So that's what I was asking about.

But now tonight, after the mtg. I'm not hearing this disagreement. (See my comment below). Am I missing something?

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[Laura Sullivan](#) Ah. Where disagreement exists is over (1) whether or not to say that lead is the only pathogen of concern, (2) whether or not the water distribution system (pipes) have reached equilibrium and is stable, and (3) whether or not Flint can be categorized as being like any other city with lead pipes.

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[Laura Sullivan](#) For (1): DEQ, EPA, CDC, and Dr. Edwards said yes. Drs. McElmurry, Love, and Caravallah said no. For (2), DEQ and Dr. Edwards way yes. Drs. Caravallah and McElmurray said no.

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[Laura Sullivan](#) For (3), some DEQ, some EPA, Dr Wells, and Dr. Edwards say yes. Some DEQ and some EPA say no, as do Drs. McElmurry and Love.

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[William Hammond](#) Thanks. I did not pick that up at tonight's mtg. It seemed like they were all pretty much in agreement.

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[Laura Sullivan](#) I get that. A townhall can't really be a format for critique and debate.

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