

Recently, there has been a lot of talk in the news about Flint, MI, specifically the significant amounts of lead in the city's drinking water which left a town of 100,000 without access to clean water.

An online report on Vox.com had the headline "**18 cities in Pennsylvania reported higher levels of lead exposure than Flint**". A bar graph contained in the story showed Altoona had the second highest level of lead exposure in Pennsylvania, leading the reader to believe that Altoona's water is contaminated with lead.

It simply is NOT true.

If you read further down in the Vox article, there is a paragraph that states, "...The Pennsylvania Department of Health reported that the primary source for childhood lead poisoning in Pennsylvania is exposure to aging, deteriorating lead-based paint (chips and dust)." While it is sad that so many children in our community continue to be exposed to lead, it's not through their drinking water.

Please know that, if you have drinking water supplied by the AWA, it has met and/or exceeded all state and federal requirements for safe drinking water. As always, our Consumer Confidence Report is available for viewing on the homepage of our website – [www.altoonawater.com](http://www.altoonawater.com). We encourage all of our customers to read it and call with any questions or concerns.