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**Subject: Letter to the Editor –** **Your Recent Article on Lead Contamination**

Dear **(editor’s name)**,

I am writing in response to your recent article titled **(“title”)** that addressed **(add article overview addressing lead piping in targeted area).**

As a citizen/member of **(community/state/city/school)**, the news that our water may not be safe is deeply troubling and makes me fearful of the effects this may have on myself, my loved ones, and other members of our community.

In addition to **(community name),** I’ve read that the American Water Works Association estimates that [6.1 million lead pipes are still in use nationwide](https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/694648.pdf). The need to replace these pipes is apparent since lead is a serious neurotoxin. According to the EPA, no amount of lead is safe, especially for children. Allowing community officials and water utilities to keep these piping systems in place should not be an option.

Youmight have heardthat plastics are the cheapest and safest material, however plastic’s resume is not impressive. I have read that plastics have proven flaws in performance and that there are concerns around health effects. In fact, a recent [analysis](https://esemag.com/water/specifying-piping-materials-for-water-infrastructure-systems/v) showed 163 chemicals, pesticides, hydrocarbons, organic matter, carcinogens and other substances can leach or permeate through the six variants of plastic piping. The effect of these 163 substances on human health is not entirely understood.

In my opinion, copper is the only material that should be trusted to safeguard clean water because of its proven record, durability, and serious, documented concerns around the health effects of plastic pipe options. Humans have used copper piping to transport potable water from ancient Egypt to modern day civilization. For generations, engineers, water quality experts, the government and copper piping manufacturers have tested, improved and upgraded copper piping to produce the high quality, durable, and reliable copper products we use today.

As **(*publication name)*** continues tocovers efforts by the industry and municipalities to end lead contamination in North America, I ask you please take this information into consideration. If you would like to read some of the research I gathered to write to you, please visit these webpages: [www.copperservicelines.org](http://www.copperservicelines.org); and <https://esemag.com/water/specifying-piping-materials-for-water-infrastructure-systems/>.

Thank you for your time and efforts to shed light on lead contamination.

Best regards,

**Full name**

**Signature**

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