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Heads up, I just did an interview with Michigan Radio (Lindsey Smith) regarding the lead issue in Flint.

Essentially, one of the residents complained to EPA about water quality in her home, and EPA's lead expert stopped by while he was in town to take some samples. He then completed a draft report and sent it – unvetted by Region V program brass – to the homeowner. That homeowner then leaked it to the ACLU, and the ACLU has been raising hell with it. There's a link to the draft below.

The situation is that Flint is now finishing a second round of statutorily required testing to determine whether the Ph of the Flint River water is causing a problem with lead and copper (popular water line material in old homes). The issue isn't lead in the source water, but in the premise plumbing. So far, tests on 100+ homes last year and another 100 this year are showing the city in compliance with lead and water, so we can say we're not seeing a problem, but we're only 70 % done processing the samples from January – December.

Thanks to Steve Busch for a great debrief on this yesterday afternoon.
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