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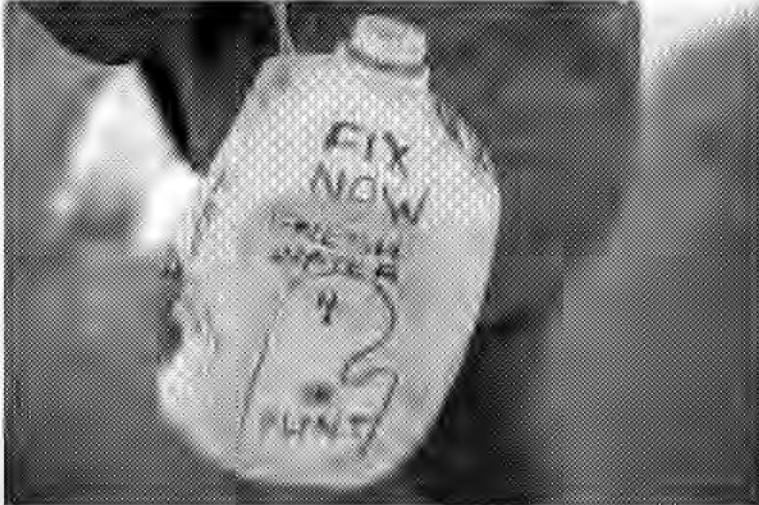
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In case someone else hasn't sent this to you already, this MLive article is about a petition and a rally today:

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empty one-gallon water jug is used as a sign of protest of Flint's water quality on in this 2015 Flint Journal file photo. A rally today, Aug. 31, is planned at City Hall. Flint Journal file photo *Flint Journal file photo*

FLINT, MI -- Three groups advocating the city end its use of the Flint River for drinking water are rallying today, Aug. 31, at City Hall and say they're delivering 26,000 petition signatures to show the depth of their support.

Organizer Melissa Mays said Food & Water Watch, Water You Fighting For and the Coalition for Clean Water plan to hand deliver the petitions, which were collected online, to Mayor Dayne Walling and City Administrator Natasha Henderson at 10 a.m.

The petitions say in part, that "the Flint River clearly is not a safe, reliable source for the city's drinking water. It was as easy as pushing a button to disconnect from (the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department); it's time to push the button again, reconnecting Flint to DWSD and providing Flint residents with the clean, safe water they deserve.

"Please reconnect Flint to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department immediately and make water safe and clean for all."

Flint has been in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act since January because of high levels of total trihalomethanes (TTHM), a problem that arose after the city changed its drinking water source from Lake Huron to the Flint River.

Levels of TTHM, a byproduct of chlorinating river water, have dropped to allowable amounts in more recent tests, and the city has installed a new a \$1.5 million granulated active-charcoal filter in an effort to purify river water.

City officials have said Flint water is safe, but have mailed residents, warning of potential health problems related to long-term exposure to high levels of TTHM.

The use of the Flint River for drinking water is expected to end next year when the new Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline is expected to be put into service.

The project is a joint venture involving the city and Genesee County.

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