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A Water Dilemma in Michigan: Cloudy or Costly?

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Vernon White over the Flint River, which replaced Lake Huron as the water source in Flint, Mich. Mr. White says he buys soda to avoid the water. Credit Joshua Lott for The New York Times

FLINT, Mich. — Depending on the day, Melissa Mays says, the water flowing out of her home’s faucets might have a blue tint. Or it might smell like mothballs. Or it might fill her home with the scent of an overchlorinated swimming pool.

Lately, Ms. Mays, who is 36 and works in marketing, has not been turning on her tap much at all. After Flint changed the source of its drinking water last spring, Ms. Mays said, she noticed a change in the water’s color and odor. Then she started having rashes, and clumps of her hair fell out. When the city issued a boil order, she stopped using the water for drinking and cooking. Now her family spends roughly \$400 a month on bottled water.

“My cat gets bottled water, our plants get bottled water, our fish gets bottled water,” said Ms. Mays, who has helped organize marches to protest the water conditions and is on a city commission seeking input on how to move forward. “It takes four to five bottles of water to fill up a pot for spaghetti.”

Flint officials insist that the city’s water is safe. They say that the issues of odor and color are separate from the question of whether the water meets federal standards, and that no link to health problems has been proved.