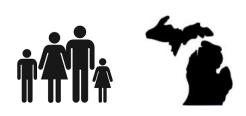
Seven Flint Families File a Federal Class Action Lawsuit Against State and Local Officials Citing "Gross Negligence"

The Parties to the Class Action Lawsuit



Who are the Plaintiffs and Defendants?

- Plaintiffs: Seven families, including 17 children who have heightened lead levels
- Defendants: Various state and local government officials who were involved in the decision to move Flint's water crisis. These include Gov. Snyder, former Flint Mayor Walling and the former emergency manager
- The engineering company Lockwood, Andrews and Newman is also being sued

Who Can Join the Class Action Lawsuit?

17 vs. 8,000

- 17: The initial amount of children exposed to lead involved in the lawsuit
- **8,0000**: The potential amount of children who have been exposed to lead contamination and may have permanent developmental damage
- Potential Plaintiffs: Theoretically, any Flint family who believes they have suffered medically or has had their property devalued because of the Flint crisis. Any of the families of the 8,000 children who have been exposed to high lead levels

Source: David Bailey, "Lawsuit over Flint, Michigan, crisis says 17 children have high lead levels," Reuters, March 7, 2016; Bill Chappell, "Families Seek Class-Action Status In Federal Lawsuit Over Flint's Water," NPR, March 7, 2016.

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Federal Lawsuits Have Been Filed Against State and Local Officials Mainly Over Negligence

Timeline of Federal Lawsuits Filed Over Flint Water Crisis

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First Federal Lawsuit Filed Over Flint Water Crisis

2015

Melissa Mays and three other families filed a lawsuit against state and local officials for "reckless conduct" when switching Flint's water source from Detroit's water source to the Flint River. The lawsuit sought payment for medical damages and medical monitoring fund

Jan. () 2016 Coalition That Included Concerned Pastors for Social Action and ACLU Filed Federal Lawsuit Against State and Local Officials Under the Safe Water Drinking Act

A coalition filed a federal lawsuit against state and local officials under the Safe Water Drinking Act. The lawsuit argued state and local governments had violated the Safe Water Drinking Act. Consequently, state and local governments must replace Flint's pipes at no cost to any of the Flint residents.

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Potential Class Action Lawsuit Filed for \$150 million

Two families and a business were initially named as plaintiffs with the potential for more families to join the lawsuit. The lawsuit claimed \$150 million to cover all of the Flint's residents' water bills over the past two years. Additional compensation is being sought over damages Flint residents have suffered as well.

Seven Families Filed Class Action Lawsuit Against

Seven families filed a class action lawsuit accusing state and local officials of "gross negligence" when inspecting and reporting on the potential dangers of consuming Flint's water. They are seeking compensation for pipe replacement, medical costs, and lost property value. They supported their claims under the Safe Water Drinking Act and several other federal laws.

Source: David Bailey, "Lawsuit Over Flint, Michigan, Crisis Says 17 Children Have High Lead Levels," Reuters, March 7, 2016; Steve Carmody, "Federal Lawsuit Filed in Flint Water Crisis," Michigan Radio, November 14, 2015; Jennifer Calfas, "New Federal Lawsuit Alleges State violated Safe Drinking Water Act in Flint," Michigan Radio, January 27, 2016; Kate Wells, "Potential Class Action Lawsuit Seeks \$150 million for Flint Water Bills, Damages," Michigan Radio, February 2, 2016.

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