Poison in the Water

Crestwood officials cut corners and supplied residents with tainted water for 2 decades

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Like every town across the nation, south suburban Crestwood had a notice into utility bills each summer reassuring residents their drinking water was safe. Village leaders also trumpet the claim in their monthly newsletter, while receiving residents their drinking water is safe. Village leaders also trumpet the claim in their monthly newsletter, while telling state regulators in 1986 that they would get all their tap water from Lake Michigan, and would use the water only in an emergency. But records show Crestwood kept drawing well water on a routine basis—relying on it for up to 20 percent of the village’s water supply, possibly more.

The well wasn’t shut off for good until December 2007, when the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency tested the water for the first time in more than 20 years. The agency found not only that the well was still contaminated but that Crestwood had been piping the water, untreated, to residents.

Since then, the EPA has cited Crestwood twice for violating environmental laws, yet has failed to notify people who drank the well water for years. The agency continues to investigate, and Illinois Crestwood.

Boris Johnson’s Suspension of Parliament Unlawful

Opposition demands recall with Brexit due in 50 days

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