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The Short-term Action plan is insufficient to meet the needs of all community members equitably. Many of the affected community members are retirees unable to lift and carry 40 pounds of water (x2), and many may not drive or have access to transportation to obtain filtration supplies. Furthermore, what of the families whose members work during the times the Administration Office of Waste to Energy and City Hall is open? Do we expect them to suffer yet another loss (this time of income) in order to access water that won't poison them? While the vast majority of affected humans are homeowners, this by no means implies that they are wealthy or even well-off. Many have lost large chunks of their livelihood due to this contamination impacting their ability to grow, eat and sell home-raised food such as meat, eggs, milk or vegetables. Asking them to incur yet another cost to fetch water is the epitome of short-sightedness and inequitable government "assistance".

We can only hope that the Long-Term plan does more to serve the actual needs of our neighbors, in real time terms, and in a way that equitably meets the needs of all affected.