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I would like to describe what daily life looks like with the water quality we currently have in our neighborhood. Guests have commented on the taste of the water, and I am honestly a little embarrassed to serve it. Arsenic and other naturally occurring minerals concern me because I depend on water from the shared building supply. Lead pipes and solder in older plumbing remain a serious risk, and homeowners need help identifying them. The pump station near us hums loudly and the pressure fluctuates, which makes me doubt that it is properly maintained. I have watched crews dig up the same street three times in seven years, and each repair seems to stir up the water again.

Many of the water mains in our subdivision are more than seventy years old and break far too often. The boil-water notice last year arrived after we had already been drinking the water for nearly a day. Free home testing for lead and other contaminants should be offered to every household that asks. When a violation occurs, notifications must reach residents immediately by text, phone, and mail, not days later. Renters like me cannot replace pipes or fixtures, so we depend completely on the quality delivered to the building. Many residents are not native English speakers, so notices should be translated into the common local languages. At the last community meeting, many people raised their hands when asked if they use a filter at home. Small businesses such as cafes and bakeries in the older part of the city are also affected, because water taste matters for their products.

I would like to be notified of any follow-up meetings or public hearings on this topic.