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The North Wales Water Authority meets or exceeds all of the most stringent water quality standards required by the federal and state governments. The drinking water industry is one of the most highly regulated and closely monitored industries in the nation.

Today, the EPA and DEP require all water utilities to test for a far greater number of contaminants than ever before, and treatment plants are required to remove contaminants to lower and lower levels. This is all part of the proactive nature of the water utility industry, to be always more diligent about continuous improvement in our product, for the protection of public health. We're better now than we were many years ago, and we all strive to be even better in the future.

North Wales Water Authority did not participate in the studies that were referenced in the recent news articles. There is, in fact, a very large number of contaminants that we are required to test for, which we do on a regular basis.

We do not test for pharmaceuticals in the water at this time as we are not required to do so by any federal or state regulations. More importantly, even if we did, there is nobody in the scientific research community that can say what those numbers mean.

Once there are guideline for testing, with specific standards and direction as to reporting, the NWWA will reconsider this matter and follow the proper course of action.