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Federal court finds unreasonable risk for fluoride

The US District Court for the Northern District of California has determined fluoride in drinking water poses an unreasonable risk to human health and Environmental Protection Agency action is required to reduce risk. There is some concern that exposure to fluoride at levels approved by the EPA is linked to a lower IQ in children. It is rare for federal courts to determine chemical risk and go against the findings of the EPA, but the ruling will require some form of response from the agency.

Full Story: [CBS News \(9/25\)](#), [E&E News \(9/25\)](#), [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette \(tiered subscription model\) \(9/25\)](#)





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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Norfolk Southern to pay \$600M to settle derailment claims

Judge Benita Pearson of the Northern District of Ohio has approved an agreement to settle a class-action lawsuit that will see Norfolk Southern pay out \$600 million to settle claims stemming from its 2023 train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. That's on top of a \$310 million federal settlement approved in May. "We made a promise to make things right and this is just one piece of that commitment," said a railroad spokesperson.

Full Story: [The Hill](#) (9/25)



CIRCULAR WATER ECONOMY

Water stewardship efforts hinge on reuse

Reusing water is one of the best ways the food and agriculture industry can efficiently promote water stewardship, and Colin Cummings, regional sales manager for Grundfos, said the company can help companies reuse more water by following the "water path" and pointing out equipment updates that might be needed. Cummings said explaining water reuse like recycling could help with consumer acceptance of the practice, and Peter Dahm, director of sustainability for Cargill, said water conservation practices need to be customized for specific locations.

Full Story: [FoodNavigator](#) (9/24)



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INFRASTRUCTURE WATCH

Cyberattack shakes up operations at Kan. water facility

Arkansas City, Kan., temporarily moved its water treatment facility to manual operations on Sunday amid a cybersecurity attack and authorities including Homeland Security and the FBI are investigating the incident. Few details have been released, but the switch to manual mode was likely intended to prevent the threat from spreading. "Despite the incident, the water supply remains completely safe, and there has been no disruption to service," said city official Randy Frazer.

Full Story: [Security Affairs \(9/25\)](#)



FUNDING AND FINANCING

Monsanto, others to pay \$35M in PCB contamination case

Monsanto, Solutia and Pharmacia have agreed to pay \$35 million to settle a 2022 lawsuit with the City of Los Angeles over polychlorinated biphenyl contamination. In July, Monsanto settled a similar lawsuit with Seattle for \$160 million. Los Angeles' lawsuit alleged that Monsanto was aware of the risk posed by its products and knowingly "misled the public, regulators and its own customers about these key facts."

Full Story: [Chemical Processing](#) (9/25)



Colo. reservoir sale to give nonprofit a secure future

The Colorado Water Trust received Jasper Reservoir in the Indian Peaks Wilderness from an anonymous donor, and the reservoir has now been sold, ensuring financial stability for the nonprofit and supporting Middle Boulder Creek's water flow. The deal was completed under strict conservation restrictions, including permanent public access for fishing, camping and hunting, as well as banning any development around the Jasper Reservoir.

Full Story: [The Colorado Sun \(Denver\)](#) (9/24)



STORMWATER

Ga. county empowers youth to become stormwater stewards

Keep Liberty Beautiful, a community improvement program in Liberty County, Ga., is engaging youth through Dream Builders and the Boys and Girls Club this month to clean up beaches and educate children about the relationship between storm drains and water quality. In this piece, Executive Director Karen Bell shares tips to help everyone prevent stormwater pollution, including working to keep storm drains clear of debris and installing rain gardens to help manage runoff.

Full Story: [Coastal Courier \(Hinesville, Ga.\) \(9/20\)](#)



RESEARCH, INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Experts: Calif. wildfire season may kick into higher gear

Major wildfires in California this year have been fueled in part by plant growth that is twice the usual level in parts of the state after back-to-back wet winters, says Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition, the potential emergence of the Santa Ana and Diablo winds in the months ahead could further elevate wildfire risk in Southern California, experts say.

Full Story: [CNN \(9/22\)](#)



WORKFORCE

6 pitfalls to avoid for a successful career transition



(eyetoeyePIX/Getty Images)

Successful career transitions require careful planning and mindfulness, writes executive coach Britta Bibel-Cavallaro, who highlights six mistakes executives make, including ignoring personal barriers, not having a defined purpose and using outdated communication methods. By addressing these issues through self-reflection, clear prioritization, authentic

communication and unwavering commitment, executives can achieve a fulfilling career transformation, Bibel-Cavallaro notes.

Full Story: [SmartBrief/Leadership](#) (9/25)



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