170 Million in U.S. Drink Radioactive Tap Water – Trump Nominee Faked Data to Hide Cancer Risk

Millians of Americans drink tap water with radioactive elements at levels that may increase the risk of cancer, according to as systems nationwide analysis of by the Environmental Working Group (EWG).

The study says 171 million Americans deal with this level of contamination in their tap water, which is more than 50% of the population in the U.S.

Radiation in tap water is known to be a serious health threat, especially with pregnancies. The Environmental Protection Agency's established legal limits for radioactive elements in tap water are badly outdated, but President Trump's nominee to be the White House environment czar doesn't see care if systems comply with the standards, as "outdated and inadequate" as they are.

> *The nominee, Kathleen Hartnett White, former chair of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, admitted in a 2011 interview that the commission falsified data to make it appear that communities with excessive radiation levels were below the EPA's limit. She said she did not "believe the science of health effects" to which the EPA subscribes, placing "far more trust" in the work of the TCEQ, which has a reputation of setting polluter-friendly state standards and casually enforcing federal standards.*

EWG's Tap Water Database compiles results of water quality tests for nearly 50,000 utilities nationwide. EWG mapped the

nationwide occurrence of radium which is the most common radioactive element found in tap water.

> *From 2010 to 2015, more than 22,000 utilities serving over 170 million people in all 50 states reported the presence of radium in their water.” EWG*

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