

Message from the Special Master:

Clarification of Opinion Published in Detroit News dated August 31, 2022.

You may have seen some information published in an opinion piece in the Detroit News on August 31, 2022. The piece appeared under the name Tiger Joyce and has a caption stating that the article expresses the views of the author separate from the publication. There were certain statements in that opinion piece that purport to describe the settlement and those statements are not accurate. Specifically:

1. The article suggests that United States District Court Judge Judith E. Levy is the former judge presiding over the Flint Water cases. In fact, Judge Levy has presided and continues to preside over the federal court Flint Water Cases and the settlement.
2. The article suggests that after the settlement was achieved, new cases were filed against certain engineering companies. In fact, these engineering companies were sued along with other defendants. Most of the other defendants are participating in the settlement.
3. The article indicates that plaintiffs' lawyers have been paid \$200 million in fees. In fact, the court has issued a decision that has a formula for payment of fees and no plaintiffs' lawyers have been paid any fees to date. Plaintiffs' lawyers will not be paid fees until the settlement fund is ready for distribution to claimants.
4. The article indicates that individual claimants have been paid an average of \$4500. In fact, no such payments have been made and there is no basis for the number cited in the article. Claimants will be paid based on their particular claim category and we do not at this time know what the payments will be.