

**PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION  
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PVWC'S CUSTOMERS BY OTHERS**

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Our customers deserve to know the real facts regarding our reservoirs. A safe, secure, and reliable public water supply is our utmost priority.

Our three uncovered drinking water reservoirs are extremely vulnerable to contamination from birds and mammals, and deliberate contamination from vandalism, and other security concerns.

Addressing our reservoirs will not only address these contamination and security issues, but will also allow us to add a safe and effective corrosion inhibitor to our entire water system to coat the interior of lead fixtures and service lines to help prevent lead from leeching into our drinking water.

We are required under a Federal EPA Mandate (the LT2 Rule) to address this problem. And there are stringent regulatory deadlines for completion with heavy fines for non-compliance.

It is extremely unlikely that EPA would ever overturn the LT2 Rule, especially after EPA has already required hundreds of other water utilities to address their reservoirs. Although some have suggested that implementation of LT2 be deferred, we believe our customers deserve to have the best quality drinking water without further delay.

The \$135 million cost of this project will be financed in three phases over a 10-year period using low interest bonds, and repaid over a 30-year period.

For more detailed information regarding this important project, please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section also posted on our website.