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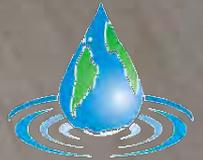
# Living Without a Drop to Drink



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# Reality



# Physical Infrastructure Disparities



# Lack of Source Water Protection



# East Orosi: Paying for contaminated water



**A baby needs to be born blue or children need to die in order for them to help us.**

**Maria Elena Orozco, resident of East Orosi**



# Seville: Living with contaminated wells and dilapidated infrastructure



**“The money that we are spending on safe drinking water could be used on educational material instead. “**

**-Rebecca Quintana, school board member**



# EPA Actions Needed

1. Provide all-grant funding set asides targeted at severely disadvantaged communities with chronic SDWA violations.
2. Fund feasibility studies, planning and pre-construction design to ID sustainable solutions.
3. Fund intermediate, emergency solutions.
4. Enable better access to on-going technical assistance for small systems.
5. Update SDWA regulations & data to ID disparities in access to safe water.
6. Ensure that small systems also have to monitor for known emerging contaminants.



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