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# West Virginia officials trust shaky science in rush to restore water service: One-part-per-million "safe" threshold has questionable basis

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In a press conference today outlining plans to restart the water system serving 300,000 people, West Virginia state official and executives from the West Virginia American Water utility company stressed that levels of the toxic chemical that contaminated the supply after last week's spill had reached a "safe" level of one part per million (1 ppm), the threshold agreed upon by state and federal officials on Saturday.

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