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City of Manchester Bonding Bill for 2024

The City of Manchester installed its current water distribution system approximately 75 years ago that is **made from asbestos**. We believe the water industry manufactured asbestos watermain during WW2 and beyond due to the lack of cast iron that was available during war times.

Although the watermain has served the city well for decades, research has shown that the asbestos can potentially start to break down and flake off into the drinking water after 40+ years of usage after being submerged in water for that duration.

For health and safety reasons, we are asking the State to assist in funding 90% of our project cost to remove the asbestos watermain and install a safe water main pipe and other water-related elements to deliver safe and reliable water to the residents of Manchester.

Thanks for your consideration.

Steve Hannegreffs, Mayor

n 1. Appropriation - \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Public Facility Authority for a grant to the City of Manchester for the design and construction of a new water distribution system, treatment plant, well, and related water improvements. These proceeds are necessary due to the presence of existing asbestos water main pipes and lead in their water system that may be harmful to the residents and businesses within their community.