Boston-Area Drinking Water Is Out Of Compliance With Safe Drinking Water Standards

- Giardia (water-borne parasite)
  - only 8 percent of Giardia killed versus requirement for 99.9% kill rate
  - 103 positives out of 303 water samples since 1994 (34%)
- Bacteria
  - failure to meet standards in 1995, 1996, 1997
- Cryptosporidium (water-borne parasite)
  - 16% of water samples show Cryptosporidium present since February 1994
- Lead
  - frequent exceedances every year since 1991
- Coliform
  - 22 violations in 14 communities since 1995 (Boston, Chelsea, Lynnfield, Malden, Marblehead, Medford, Melrose, Nahant, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Swampscott, Weston, Winchester)