

Executive Summary:

ABORTION IN OUR WATER

President Trump's Priority: "Crystal Clean Water"

"Crystal-clean water" has been a priority of President Donald J. Trump since day one of his first administration. More recently in April 2025, his administration announced it is "leveraging environmental policies" in such a way as to maintain "the standards that have afforded Americans the **cleanest air and water** in the world for generations."

If We Should Not Be Flushing Baby Wipes—We Should Not Be Flushing Babies

In direct opposition to Trump's stated clean water goal, our water is now being contaminated daily by chemical abortions as approximately 700,000 American women are instructed by abortion providers to dispose of their fetal remains down the toilet. Not only does such instruction fly in the face of the Environmental Protection Agency's encouragement to only flush *toilet paper*, as flushing anything else (baby wipes, tampons, goldfish etc.) ". . . can damage internal plumbing, local sewer systems and septic systems," it also violates various state medical waste laws. Notably, a former EPA state spokesperson stated, "it is never acceptable to put placenta into the sewer system. Never."

The FDA's Original Approval of the Abortion Pill Was Flawed

In the application seeking approval for the abortion pill (mifepristone), the Population Council submitted an Environmental Assessment (EA) that concluded the impact of the drug on our environment would be minimal. No actual study of the possible environmental effects was conducted. The same assessment entirely overlooked the issue of how the fetal remains would be disposed of and failed to consider relevant state laws on water quality (as well as the enormous increase in use of the drug). These gross oversights amount to clear violations of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Clean Water Act (CWA).

Increased Use of the Pill Increases Environmental Concern

The vast majority of the approximately one million annual abortions that occur in the U.S. (at least 63% as of 2023) are now performed outside of a clinical setting. Students for Life of America estimates that 40+ tons of chemically tainted medical waste have entered our wastewater treatment plants, which, in any other context, would be a national scandal.

As it pertains to other possible human harms, it is important to note mifepristone acts as an endocrine disruptor (a chemical that may mimic or interfere with a body's hormones) by blocking a vital fertility hormone. Mifepristone is also known to form "active metabolites," that is, metabolites that retain therapeutic effects. After being excreted by women, these metabolites enter wastewater treatment plants—most of which are not designed to remove them—and may end up in our water supply. Consider as well that other potential endocrine disruptors, PFAS, in our water are known to cause harm to humans over time. As mifepristone's potentially endocrine disrupting active metabolites may enter the drinking water supply, similar harm may be occurring. At the very least, this drug poses environmental risks to human and animal health that deserve immediate attention, particularly in light of the nation's fertility crisis.

Take Action Now:

To address and mitigate the risks posed and harms caused by the chemical abortion pill, Liberty Counsel Action calls on supporters to:

1. Lobby Congress to hold public congressional hearings to investigate the impact of chemical abortion drugs and human remains in our water.
2. Call on the FDA to immediately suspend approval of mifepristone until a new Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement is completed.
3. Call on the EPA to require monitoring of our water systems for mifepristone metabolites.

For more information, visit: AbortionInOurWater.org