

# Bob Mollette

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Jim Kalb, Mayor  
728 Second Street  
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Re: **City Water Supply Deposits and Encrustations in Piping**

Please find enclosed digital photographs of existing water supply piping replaced as a result of construction at the intersection of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Scioto Trail. It was removed as a result of a new water main construction project installed along Scioto Trail/US23 from Kinneys Lane to Coles Boulevard in 2005. It was stated this cross-section is a representative sample of the existing water supply distribution system of that area. Note the amount of deposits and encrustations within the interior of the removed pipework. I am seeking to resolve an expressed health hazard concern and resolve water customer anxiety over the investment of a new water treatment process (MIEX-Magnetic Ion Exchange Resin) without maintaining the water supply distribution system, as expressed by your constituents living in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

There are sound hygienic reasons for maintaining the internal cleanliness of pipework for the distribution of safe drinking water. Please confirm there are no health hazards directly attributed to the deposits in water supply network, which may also promote the growth of microorganisms. I am providing to you a section of pipe, from this area, together with the above mentioned photos. These items are being made available to you for further investigation, inspection and analysis of the encrusted deposit by the appropriate departments for clarification.

It would be beneficial and informative to your constituents if you would provide a preventative maintenance schedule, the current pipe cleaning program including any data used to confirm the effectiveness of the program, and future distribution system replacements to maintain our infrastructure.

Your assistance is requested to reduce or eliminate the anxiety felt by your constituents living in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. Communication is *Key* and timely information will assist your constituents to resolve their concerns directly.

Contact me should you need any additional information or comments.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Council

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cc: w/enclosure  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Representative  
Sam Sutherland, Director Public Utilities Waterworks  
Council (5)  
Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)

