Flint Water Crisis

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Debatably, the water predicament in Flint, Michigan was significantly fueled by the cost-cutting actions. The outcome was the discharge of polluted water. The polluted water contained lead and other hazardous toxins. Notably, the primary stakeholders in the water crisis can be categorized into three. The clusters are the city, Flint residents, the MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality), and its administrators. The Flint residents had an irresistible force when equipped with the primary goal of ensuring clean and safe water for consumption. The other stakeholders were self-satisfied and failed to guarantee the switching was conducted as per the set structure. The outline set was supposed to warrant the safety of Flint residents.

Consequently, the Flint water crisis highlights several ethical issues like the replacement of the safeguarded open water for the city from Lake Huron in Detroit. The substitution was triggered by cost-cutting directives. The replacement was conducted despite the availability of information on the perils linked with the consumption of water from the river. The alterations in the consumption of water from the Flint River were conducted in the absence of set regulations. These standards set required the disclosure of appropriate tests and plant designs. Additionally, it was unethical for Michigan State to cease purchasing clean water from Detroit and turning to the Flint River. The action was disastrous since the Flint River was affected by high levels of the carcinogenic lead compound.

The MDEQ pushed for several solutions that were either temporary, permanent, or alternative. The Utilitarian approach allows for the residents to have control over their water. They can install their home filtration system that will filter the harmful metals. The MDEQ could provide water to the residents through water bottles or replace lead pipes with plastic. The perspective will benefit the majority. Nonetheless, social responsibility gains its strength from an exclusive analysis of the variables affecting ethical dimensions. As a result, an organization is subjected to offer services of the highest quality. Therefore, social responsibility backs environmental protection as well as justifiable practices. Firms should encourage corporate social responsibility practices. Moreover, they can promote adherence to justifiable practices that guarantee the survival of subtle biological systems.