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Water utilities should be aware of a widely distributed [Associated Press story](#) that suggests that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under President Obama's Administration is mulling regulation of pharmaceuticals in drinking water.

The story, titled "Feds mull regulating drugs in water," points out that some pharmaceutical compounds have been added to the Contaminant Candidate List ([see AWWA's Sept. 23 Regulatory Alert for more information](#)). The AP article may be published in newspapers throughout the holiday season.

The story was bylined by a reporter from the "AP Impact" team that has been highlighting pharmaceuticals in water for more than 20 months.

[Talking points for utilities](#) on pharmaceuticals in drinking water are available from AWWA. Consumer information related to pharmaceuticals in drinking water is available on AWWA's [Drinktap web site](#).

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