

Tennessee Infrastructure In The News

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A daily roundup of recent news stories and opinion pieces about Tennessee transportation, water and flood control infrastructure

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[Drinking Water Hit By Flood Impurities \(Chattanooga Times Free-Press/Sohn\)](http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2009/sep/25/drinking-water-hit-by-flood-impurities/)

Several regional drinking water systems are struggling with problems created by flooding, according to Tennessee and Georgia officials. Tennessee-American Water Co. reported diesel fuel floating in Citico Creek near Chattanooga's water intakes. The Spring City (Tenn.) Water System's operator told state officials their water intake structure was surrounded by flood waters. Trion, Ga., with both the city drinking-water treatment plant and sewage treatment plants at least partially flooded, hasn't had clean water since Monday. Toccoa, Ga., with breaks in major water lines, is on a "boil water" alert. With more rain forecast this weekend, water suppliers and regulators are paying extra attention to their treatment systems and water supply intakes which, by the necessity of their purposes, always are in flood plains. Tisha Calabrese-Benton, spokeswoman with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, said all water system operators must be on heightened alert and adjust their treatment process during heavy rains and flooding.

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