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The dry summers of recent years have caused water scarcity in some regions of Germany. Environmental scientist Claudia Pahl-Wostl from the University of Osnabrück says that regions in Germany are affected differently by groundwater scarcity - in some places the situation is "alarming". The drinking water supply is partially endangered and there are more conflicts - including court proceedings - over the use of groundwater.

A European example of the dramatic drop in groundwater levels, occurring not due to lack of precipitation but through industrial pumping, is presented by the French municipality of Vittel. The Nestlé corporation extracts approximately 750 million liters of water annually from the city of Vittel to sell it expensively around the world.

Everyone can do something against these and many other environmental burdens caused by the beverage industry by filtering their tap water themselves into the cleanest and highest-purity drinking water source.

Tap water requires 1000 times less energy and raw materials per liter in production than bottled water. However, it should not be consumed untreated! Many German citizens still assume "our drinking water is the most strictly controlled food product". After all, this was the official slogan for decades. However, authorities were legally prohibited from making this statement in December 2020. Even more alarming: In November 2022, the Federal Environment Agency issued this report on our groundwater under the heading "Importance and Endangerment of Groundwater":

"In the past, groundwater was considered well protected compared to surface waters against anthropogenic (man-made) contamination. However, the purification and retention capacity of the overlying soil layers was overestimated. (...) the good condition of our groundwater is endangered in many places. It is primarily the diffuse input of nitrogen and pesticides from agriculture that burden groundwater. Further causes of contamination are diffuse inputs from

industry and traffic as well as from point sources or linear pollution such as, for example, contaminated sites, abandoned dumps, accidents involving water-hazardous substances, or leaking sewage pipes."

What consumers and especially industry subject water treatment plants to through pollution by microplastics, hormones, and an increasing number of chemicals would cause unpayable treatment costs to remedy this contamination. Thus, thousands of pollutants remain in the "treated" water and ultimately end up in German kitchens.

To protect themselves and their families from this amount of pollutants in tap water, more and more private households and businesses are installing a kind of "firewall for the kitchen," which refers to the installation of a high-performance filter. The term "firewall," borrowed from software, is very apt, because these filters even provide protection against viruses and bacteria. There are manufacturers that offer their water systems for free testing for one week. After all, it also has to taste good... According to environmental medicine experts, the contamination of our water cycles will continue to increase.

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