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From: Crouse, Roger
Sent: Thur 2/11/2016 2:52:04 PM
Subject: RE: Lead Follow Up

I was a little premature in sending out message. The PE for Tissues Country Estate was completed on Monday. We received the certification yesterday.

From: Crouse, Roger
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2016 5:11 PM
To: 'Downing, Jane'
Cc: Reilly, Kevin; 'Ellie Kwong'
Subject: RE: Lead Follow Up

Hi Jane,

We have verified that lead education has been completed for all systems currently with lead action level exceedances except for:

ME0094622 TISSUES COUNTRY ESTATE – This may have been done but the system hired a different contract operator shortly after the exceedance and the current contract operator is not sure it was done. He is going to take care of the PE ASAP.

ME0092525 CHILDRENS CHALLENGE CHILDCARE – This system is not responsive. We will have someone drop in for a visit.

Roger

From: Downing, Jane [mailto:Downing.Jane@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 2:16 PM
To:
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Subject: Lead Follow Up

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Greetings All

Hope you enjoyed the weekend

This is to share information and a number of follow up items relating to Lead in Drinking Water.

1. Thank you very much for your timely submittals relating to the current lead action levels and status of systems. On Friday, we met with the RA/DRA/ODs and I believe it went very well. Another internal meeting is scheduled for Wednesday. Some outstanding actions are:

a. To explain the numbers, CT and ME need to provide system status reports.

b. Some states need to provide sampling protocols to Denise S who will compile.

c. If not already on the list provided by EPA or states, - All states should provide a list and status of any system with new ALEs.

2. To help with the internal briefings, we developed a New England Lead in Drinking Water Strategy. As I explained, NE has been through this before in the case of arsenic compliance. If you recall, we had almost 400 systems above the MCLs and the NE states did a great job in dealing with these challenges. The draft NE Lead in DW strategy is attached for your review and comment.

3. As part of the strategy, we all previously agreed to re-visit lead sampling protocols. We recently discussed some technical sampling questions with OGWDW . In response, they provided 2 national policies: aerators and compliance sampling – see attached. Let me know if any other outstanding questions and/or if these need to be revisited.

4. As follow up to the internal discussions, we ask that you ensure that all systems have conducted public education. I know that you share our goal for no case where citizens didn't know about high lead levels. We will be looking through the PE violations as well. If there are any systems that have not conducted PE in a timely manner and will not be doing it – provide a list by Feb 8, 2016 and a plan for getting this done. If assistance needed, let us know.

5. To bring us all together, answer questions, and discuss action items, I would like to set up a conference call with all of the NE state DW administrators for this Thursday 2/ 4 between 10:30 and 3:30 . At that time I would also like for us to discuss PFOA and Chlorate. Denise will set up a doodle poll.

6. The RA would like to reach out your commissioners on the following Thursday 2/11 at 11:00. For CT, ME, RI State Health Agencies, please provide emails of your commissioner and his/her scheduler so we can send out the conference call invitation.

7. Meanwhile, EPA HQs has focused attention on any system serving over 10,000 that has an ALE (i.e. the national list of 69 systems). R1 has about 11 systems on the list but many of them have recent rounds below the action levels. OGWDW will denote this on the list if the region provides such confirmation. Through all of our data mining, I can provide a number of confirmations but some may still be unclear. If so, expect a separate email from me on system-related clarifications. Want to jump on this soon, since I hear Wednesday is a national briefing/hearing.

The region acknowledges the significant progress that has been made in reducing lead in drinking water throughout NE. We again thank you for your overall efforts and recent responses to requests for information. As always, we look forward to continued coordination on this important matter.

Let me know if any questions/concerns

Take Care

Jane