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Dear Colleagues:

Today, EPA sent letters to the Governors and state environment and public health commissioners outlining specific steps to enhance oversight of Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) implementation. EPA asked states with primacy under the Safe Drinking Water Act to take immediate action to demonstrate that they are properly implementing the LCR, including through improved transparency and accountability. Attached is the letter sent to Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval.

In the letter, EPA requests that states confirm the following in 30 days:

- Confirm that the state's protocols and procedures for implementing the LCR are fully consistent with the LCR and applicable EPA guidance;

- Use relevant EPA guidance on LCR sampling protocols and procedures for optimizing corrosion control;

- Post on your agency's public website all state LCR sampling protocols and guidance for identification of Tier 1 sites (at which LCR sampling is required to be conducted);

- Work with public water systems – with a priority emphasis on large systems – to increase transparency in implementation of the LCR by posting on their public website and/or on your agency's website:

  - the materials inventory that systems were required to complete under the LCR, including the locations of lead service lines, together with any more updated inventory or map of lead service lines and lead plumbing in the system; and

  - LCR compliance sampling results collected by the system, as well as justifications for invalidation of LCR samples; and

- Enhance efforts to ensure that residents promptly receive lead sampling results from their homes, together with clear information on lead risks and how to abate them, and that the general public receives prompt information on high lead levels in drinking water systems.

EPA staff are meeting with every state drinking water program across the country to ensure that states are taking appropriate actions to address lead action level exceedances, including optimizing corrosion control, providing effective public health communication and outreach to residents on steps to reduce exposures to lead, and removing lead service lines where required by the LCR. To support state efforts to properly implement the LCR, the EPA will be providing information to assist states in understanding steps needed to ensure optimal corrosion control treatment and on appropriate sampling techniques. EPA will also be conducting training for state and public water systems staff to ensure that all water systems understand how to carry out the requirements of the LCR properly.

The actions requested in the letter are essential to the protection of public health in the

near term and to restoring public confidence. EPA is committed to ensuring that safe and clean drinking water is provided to every American in the United States.

More information is available at:

http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Regards,

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