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Mr. Greg Heitzman, P.E.
Blue Water Kentucky
625 Myrtle Street
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Dear Mr. Heitzman:

Subject: Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup

I am writing to ask you to serve on a workgroup to evaluate Kentucky's processes for managing lead in drinking water systems, including corrosion control, sampling, notification to participants, and making information available to the public regarding lead in drinking water.

While data reported and evaluated from Kentucky public water supply systems currently indicates compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, the agency believes there is opportunity to further enhance our drinking water program. In light of the situations regarding lead occurrence in drinking water in Flint, Michigan, Sebring, Ohio, Jackson, Mississippi and elsewhere in the United States, the Kentucky Division of Water is convening a stakeholder workgroup to ensure that a similar situation does not occur in Kentucky. As stated previously, this is a proactive effort to further enhance Kentucky's existing drinking water program.

I am asking this workgroup to begin discussions on March 23, 2016 and address a broad array of topics related to lead in drinking water as outlined below. My hope is that the work of this group will be compiled in a report with conclusions and recommendations to the Division of Water regarding how to move forward regarding managing lead in drinking water.

Scope of Work

- Review approval protocols and public availability
- Review lead service line replacement programs and compliance monitoring activities
- Review effectiveness of optimizing corrosion control
- Review Lead/Copper Rule, Guidance, and National Drinking Water Advisory Council recommendations to EPA
- Discuss Public Relations/Education regarding lead in drinking water and associated risks
- Present recommendations to the Division of Water

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Lead Workgroup

The work group will convene via conference call on March 23, 2016 at 4 p.m. EDT. The workgroup will be chaired by Greg Heitzman, P.E. with Blue Water Kentucky and formerly of Louisville Water Co. and Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District. Other invited members of the workgroup are listed on the attached sheet.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this workgroup and concern for the safety of drinking water in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or recommendations. I would very much appreciate it if you would confirm by email or phone your intention to serve on this workgroup. I can be reached at (502) 564-3410 or at Peter.Goodmann@ky.gov. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best Regards,



Peter T. Goodmann, Director
Division of Water

c: R. Bruce Scott, Commissioner