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National Drinking Water Advisory Council
Attn: Jill D. Jonas, Chair
Bureau of Drinking Water and Groundwater
Division of Water, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Ms. Jonas:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 2015, to Gina McCarthy, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. I would like to thank the entire NDWAC for consulting with EPA on the long-term revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule. In addition, I would like to thank the NDWAC LCR working group for their expertise and thoughtful input on key issues, including lead service line replacement, corrosion control treatment, copper requirements and public education. Because the Office of Water is responsible for the regulation of drinking water, I have been asked to respond to your letter.

Feedback and recommendations from the NDWAC play a significant role in the Agency's rule revisions process. In your letter and the attached report, the NDWAC emphasizes important public health issues and provides EPA with recommendations for LCR revisions that include proactive and on-going measures to remove sources of lead as well as enhancements to public education and engagement with consumers and public health officials. We appreciate your time and effort in carefully outlining recommendations for the LCR long-term revisions. We will take your recommendations under careful consideration as we move forward.

Again, thank you for your letter and for the broad perspectives the NDWAC provides to the Agency on issues of greatest public health concern. If the Council has further questions, please contact Michelle Schutz at 202-564-7374.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter C. Grevatt".

Peter C. Grevatt, Ph.D, Director
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water