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FYI. If we are to comment, I would expect it to be the LCR experts and plumbing board members that would have insights into the issues that need further clarification.

Brock, would you please coordinate any comments Michigan may wish to offer. Anyone else that has a comment should send them to Brock to compile.

I don't think we have to comment, but if we have something to say or something we wish EPA will address, we should do so even if others are saying it. EPA is more likely to respond when many comments are received on an issue.

I know one of the biggest issues concerning the waterworks/plumbing industry is whether meter maintenance after January 3, 2014 will require that the entire meter be replaced with one that meets the new definition of lead free or if only those components that are being replaced must meet the new definition. If this document doesn't address that issue or doesn't satisfy us, we may want to comment.

From: Osterhoudt, Darrell [mailto:dosterhoudt@asdwa.org]
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Subject: EPA releases FAQs on Reduction of Lead in DW Act (for comment)

Good morning state drinking water administrators -

We finally know more about EPA's position on the issues in the new Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act. They have just posted their long promised Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on their website. They will be accepting comments until June 21 and then revising as appropriate and re-posting after that time. We encourage you to make comments, especially if there are issues that EPA has missed or not adequately addressed. The announcement, with web link, is copied below.

I am writing to ask for your input on Draft Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act, located on the agency web site at: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm#lfree>. The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act will become effective on January 4, 2014. We prepared these FAQs to assist states, water systems, plumbing product manufacturers, distributors and plumbers in their efforts to comply with the Act. The Draft FAQs express EPA's interpretation of the statutory requirements as of this time. We are interested in input on the usefulness and completeness of this document as a whole and our answers to the FAQs. We are notifying you of these draft FAQs based upon the interest you have expressed to us on this topic through your inquiries, comments or participation in our August 16, 2012 Stakeholder meeting. Please send your comments or questions regarding the FAQs to: LeadFreeAct@epa.gov by June 21, 2013. We will re-publish the FAQs after consideration of any comments received on this draft document.

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