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Good Afternoon State Drinking Water Administrators –

This is simply a heads up about something that may or may not wind up being a concern in your state, but we wanted to at least be sure you knew.

We understand that reporters from NBC News are preparing a story about lead in drinking water in some parts of the country. Their perspective appears to be that elevated levels of lead in drinking water is a long-standing and pervasive problem that needs to be more effectively addressed. They have recently sought nationwide LCR compliance data from EPA-Headquarters for calendar years 2012 through 2015. They have also apparently requested detailed LCR compliance information from the cities of Milwaukee, Chicago, Denver, and Philadelphia.

So....it may behoove you and your staff to review the LCR compliance data for your state's water systems (including any compliance/enforcement measures taken) in anticipation of a possible new story on this subject. I'm afraid I don't have any "intel" on when such a story might be published, but my guess would be relatively soon. And, even if the story doesn't touch on a system(s) in your state, the reactions to a national story might well trigger local press to make their own inquiries. Thanks for your consideration of this situation.

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