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Good afternoon state drinking water administrators -

As you know, early last year EPA created a work group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) charged with developing recommendations on long term revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule. (LCR LTR). That group has held a number of meetings since then to come up with the attached report to the NDWAC that contains their recommendations. During this process, the work group has been aided by input from state work group members June Swallow (RI) and Derrick Dennis (WA) and presentations by other states (ASDWA, IN, MA, NV) on specific issues. This report represents the work groups thinking on long term LCR issues including lead service line replacement, lead tap samples, corrosion control treatment, water quality parameters, copper monitoring, PN/CCR and other regulatory and non regulatory options. The report is not a consensus document but seems to have support from members representing a wide range of interest groups. In addition to the report itself, I have also attached a presentation given by June Swallow during the recent ORD Small Systems Workshop which highlights key elements of the recommendations.

While this is a great start on addressing many of the long term needs of the LCR, there is still a lot left to do before any final rule. The report will be presented to the NDWAC at their next meeting in November. It will have to be approved (and may be modified) by the NDWAC before it goes to EPA. EPA will then need to craft a proposed rule using the final report as a guide. However, EPA is not bound, as it is with a formal advisory committee process, to follow the recommendations exactly. If all goes well, EPA could have a proposed rule before the end of 2016. That will be open for public comment and we expect ASDWA and states to weigh in at that time and as other opportunities arise out of our co-regulator role.

Please let me know if you have any questions. There will be some time to discuss this during the State-EPA Roundtable at the Annual Conference.

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