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I agree, we talked through. I have nothing additional to add.
 Thanks.

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I have nothing to add.

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Linda, Jen & Kory:

Below, please see a note received from Jim Henry with comments they received from the EPA with regards to the fact sheet and my response that GERALYN may be interested in seeing. Also, please see my responses to Brad's comments inline of his email in green; Jen & Kory feel free to chime in with any edits or suggestions. Linda -- feel free to smooth it out as you see fit.

Note received this afternoon from Jim Henry, GCHD:

We have not posted the fact sheet as a courtesy to this MDHHS team, exclusively. We greatly appreciate the assistance relative to the toxicological assessments. However; the delays in communication to the community, due to the state's bureaucracy is unacceptable. This process is compromising our relationship and needs to be expedited. Below are some recommendations for the factsheet from our partners at EPA.

A few thoughts:

1. Under "Learn About Phosphate", wondering if the term "salt" will concern people on low-sodium or salt-restricted diets? We agree it's a proper term.
2. Second bullet under "Why is there..." this kind of misses the solder issue, which is probably widespread. I would suggest something like: "Homes built before 1987 are more likely to have lead service lines, lead pipes, and 50% or more leaded solder. Brass valves and faucets may have lead, and older faucets are likely to have higher lead contents."

3. Last bullet same section might say "Pipes, brass fixtures and fittings, and solder...."

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MB's response:

Hi Jim, et al:

We greatly appreciate your (limited) patience and understand your frustration with this process. Now that I've been made aware of the expectations of 'business as usual' in our communications office despite the urgency of the situation, delays on this order should hopefully no longer occur. I will begin the approval signatory process much sooner, and ensure it's expedited as much as possible.

Thanks for forwarding the EPA's comments --

In our discussion with the DEQ, we hashed out the issue of using the term brass faucets vs faucets and decided to err on the side of more general, and therefore inclusive, because some faucets may be lined with brass internally or be a different color than what people may expect when hearing the term brass.

Also, per the solder issue, again, we'd prefer to remain inclusive of all types of solder because of the unknown/hard to know age/type/etc of solder and under which regulatory definition they fell, because according to the attached, even as late as 2014, "lead-free" products could still contain 8% lead.

And, most depressing is the fact that, like many things, companies are left to self-regulate their lead-free status (now 0.25% lead), so again, I vote for inclusivity.

http://www.nsf.org/newsroom/pdf/Lead_free_certification_marks.pdf

If you're OK with it as is, I'm OK with it.

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