

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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Subject: FW: Phosphate Fact Sheet

Importance: High

Comments back from DEQ. Please review. I think the first four of their edits are worth considering. The last two are not as urgent to change in my opinion.

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Subject: RE: Phosphate Fact Sheet

Importance: High

The first bullet opens oddly. "Lead pipes, solder and faucets used to be common." All three of those things are still common. Especially faucets.

MB: This was an attempt to point out that the use of pipes, solder, and faucets and lead used to be common, but since 1986, lead content slowly been phased down. But we can say "Until 2014, pipes, solder, and faucets could contain 8% lead or more. Lead can harm our health."

I'd suggest having Jason Moon's folks at Lara fact check the second bullet.

MB
<http://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyNET.exe/10003GWO.TXT?ZyActionD=ZyDocument&Client=EPA&Index=1986+Thru+1990&Docs=&Query=&Time=&EndTime=&SearchMethod=1&TocRestrict=n&Toc=&TocEntry=&QField=&QFieldYear=&QFieldMonth=&QFieldDay=&IntQFieldOp=0&ExtQFieldOp=0&XmlQuery=&File=D%3A%5Czyfiles%5Cindex%20Data%5C86thru90%5Ctxt%5C00000003%5C10003GWO.txt&User=ANONYMOUS&Password=anonymous&SortMethod=h%7C-&MaximumDocuments=1&FuzzyDegree=0&ImageQuality=r75g8/r75g8/x150y150q16/i425&Display=p%7Cf&DefSeekPage=x&SearchBack=ZyAction1&Back=ZyAction5&BackDesc=Results%20page&MaximumPages=1&ZyEntry=1&SeekPage=x&ZyPURL>

Fourth bullet, the actions referenced would actually potentially eliminate lead exposure

MB: Not sure where else water would be picking up lead?

Fifth bullet, new pipes and solder are required to meet EPA's lead free standard. Also, faucets should be on that list.

MB: Can add faucets, but "required" is self-regulated. All new pipes should meet EPA-lead free standards per the regulations, but it's up to individuals to make sure they are purchasing pipes/faucets/solder made after 2014. That is as definitive as we should go.
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Ninth bullet could be dropped. Focus on the positive and all.

MB: That describes the mechanism of how the lead gets into the water. I actually recommend we leave it.

Fourth bullet under "Learn about Phosphate" reads goofy -- 'find how much' could also be 'determine appropriate amounts.' Or this bullet could be dropped, as it is stated much more clearly in the final section at the bottom of the page.

MB: "Determine appropriate amounts" is a much higher reading level than "find how much." GCHD felt it was an important statement. I recommend we leave it as is.