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July 6, 2020

**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Robert Bincsik, Director  
Department of Public Works & Utilities  
City of Flint  
1101 South Saginaw Street  
Flint, Michigan 48502

WSSN: 02310  
City of Flint

Dear Mr. Bincsik:

**SUBJECT: Request for Extension: January through June 2020 Lead and Copper Sampling Sites and Lead and Copper Sampling Plan**

Thank you for your June 29, 2020 letter requesting an extension to confirm the service line material for the city of Flint's (City) Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) sampling sites for the monitoring period from January 1 to June 30, 2020, and to submit the Lead and Copper Sampling Plan required under the new LCR revisions in 2018. In addition, your letter requested an extension for the collection of samples.

We understand the unique challenges presented with COVID-19 and appreciate the City's efforts to work toward meeting these deadlines during this time. We have reviewed the request and hereby grant an extension for the identification/confirmation of service line materials and to submit the Lead and Copper Sampling Plan until July 31, 2020, subject to the conditions outlined below. Unfortunately, we cannot grant an extension for the collection of samples as there is no allowance in the rules for that action. Only samples taken through June 30, 2020, can be included in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile calculation.

The City has until July 31, 2020 to validate service line materials for any LCR samples taken between January 1 and June 30, 2020 and provide that information on the report. The updated sampling data will be reviewed by Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) staff and used to calculate the City's 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value for the purposes of the LCR, regardless of the number of samples submitted. Should the City fail to collect the required 60 samples, a violation will be issued, along with conditions required for a return to compliance.

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If you have additional questions or need more information regarding this matter, please contact me at 517-284-6544; [OswaldE1@Michigan.gov](mailto:OswaldE1@Michigan.gov); or at EGLE, Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division, P.O. Box 30817, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Oswald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric J. Oswald, Director

Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division

cc: The Honorable Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor, City of Flint  
Mr. Brian Larkin, Chief of Staff, City of Flint  
Mr. Clyde Edwards, City Administrator, City of Flint  
Ms. Angela Wheeler, City Attorney, City of Flint  
Mr. Michael Harris, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)  
Ms. Beth Murphy, USEPA  
Mr. Richard Kuhl, Michigan Department of Attorney General  
Mr. George L. Krisztian, EGLE