

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WSG 117

Date Signed: February 17, 1999

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Approval of Data Sharing Committee Recommendations for Lead and Copper

FROM: Janet L. Auerbach, Chief
Information Management Branch
Implementation and Assistance Division (4606)
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

TO: Data Sharing Committee Members
Regional Drinking Water Branch Chiefs

For your information, enclosed is Cynthia Dougherty's approval of the Data Sharing Committee recommendations for revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule reporting guidance. The revised guidance consolidates fifteen violations types into ten. There is no implementation schedule contained in the guidance document. This revision will be incorporated in the Lead and Copper Rule reporting guidance when the rule is repromulgated, probably around June 1999, and an effective date (probably January 1, 2001) will be listed then. We anticipate having SDWIS/FED modified by May 2000 to accept the reduced reporting requirements, should states elect to adopt them early.

Thanks to all members of the Data Sharing Committee for their work on this project. Thanks especially to Tom Poleck for preparing issuing papers and the final guidance.

I would appreciate regional branch chiefs sharing this package within their region as appropriate.

Enclosure

cc: Bob Blanco
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Enclosure 1

MEMORANDUM**SUBJECT:** *Data Sharing Recommendation for the Lead and Copper Rule - Final Report***FROM:** Robert J. Blanco, Director
Implementation and Assistance Division**TO:** Cynthia C. Dougherty, Director
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Attached for your approval is the Data Sharing Committee's (DSC's) report, "*The Data Sharing Committee's Recommendations for Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Violation Reporting*". This report is the result of the ongoing work of the DSC to review all current Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) reporting requirements and represents the third in a series of four reports on the various drinking water rules. The final report will deal with the Phase I/II/V Rules.

This report recommends the consolidation of the current 15 LCR violation types into 10. No significant disagreement was raised during the review process from the states or regions on this recommendation. As a result, it was not sent to the SDWIS Executive Steering Committee for review. Given the imminent promulgation of the technical fixes to the LCR and issuance of the revised reporting guidance, I suggest that the attached recommendation be incorporated into the revised rule reporting guidance.

Thank you for your continued support of the committee's efforts and for your consideration of the attached recommendation. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me or Jan Auerbach. You may also wish to contact Tom Poleck at (312) 886-2407, who was the lead committee member for this report.

Attachment

cc: Data Sharing Committee
Data Sharing Committee Advisory Group
ASDWA/EPA Data Management Steering Committee
Jan Auerbach, OGWDW
Vanessa Leiby, ASDWA

Approved: Cynthia Dougherty /s/, 3/29/99