



November 13, 2019

The Honorable David P. Ross
Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0300, *National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Revisions*

Dear Assistant Administrator Ross,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is an organization representing CEOs and general managers of the largest publicly owned drinking water utilities in the United States. Any changes to national primary drinking water regulations will significantly impact our members. AMWA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule, *National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Revisions* (EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0300).

The association has been involved with the Lead and Copper Rule since its inception and values all the work that EPA has done to decrease the risk of lead and copper to public health. The proposed revisions are an important next step and AMWA supports EPA's efforts. The length and scope of this proposed rule is extensive, and EPA's requests for comment will require extremely thorough, detailed, and thoughtful responses. Valuable comments of this nature will not be possible with the current comment period of 60 days. Therefore, AMWA requests an additional 30-day extension to the comment period, allowing for a total of 90 days. This extension would allow AMWA the time needed to more fully engage our members and to provide the most meaningful and comprehensive comments possible for the agency.

If you have any questions regarding our extension request please give me a call at 202-331-2820 or send me an email at vandehei@amwa.net.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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