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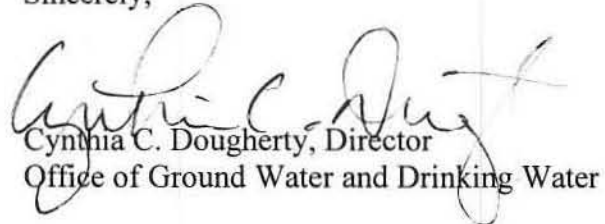
Dear Ms. Morales:

Thank you for your letter of December 23, 2011, to Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I would also like to thank the entire NDWAC for consulting with EPA on the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) long-term revisions, and for its concern regarding lead service line replacements. Because the Office of Water is responsible for the regulation of drinking water, I have been asked respond to your letter.

Feedback and recommendations from the NDWAC are significant to the Agency's rule revisions process. In your letter, NDWAC emphasizes important public health issues concerning the LCR revisions and lead service line replacements, and provides EPA with recommendations on these issues for revisions to the LCR and associated guidance. We appreciate your time and effort in carefully outlining recommendations for the LCR long-term revisions and lead service line replacements. We will take your recommendations under consideration as we move forward.

Again, thank you for your letter. If the Council has further questions, please contact Roy Simon at 202-564-3868.

Sincerely,



Cynthia C. Dougherty, Director
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