



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

April 13, 2017

TO: Cedric S. Grant
Sewer & Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) Executive Director
625 St. Joseph Street, Suite 233
New Orleans, LA 70165

Re: Lead & Copper Compliance: S&WB of New Orleans – Carrollton and Algiers Water Systems

Dear Mr. Grant,

This letter is in response to the email received from Lisa C. Martin (Deputy Director of Communications – Sewer & Water Board of New Orleans) on April 11, 2017, wherein a request was made for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to provide written confirmation of proper compliance with Federal and State requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule. As you and/or your staff are aware, under the authority of the Safe drinking Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set the action level for lead in drinking water at 15 ppb and the action level for copper in drinking water at 1.3 ppm. This means utilities must ensure that water from the customer's tap does not exceed these levels in at least 90 percent of the homes sampled (90th percentile value). The action level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers corrosion control treatment, public education, and/or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Please be aware that based upon the past results of the required lead and copper tap water samples collected by the SWBNO, and LDH's review(s) of all related material, documentation, etc. during the past three monitoring periods, the 90th percentiles for lead and copper have remained below their respective action levels for both the SWBNO's Carrollton Water System and Algiers Water System. For your convenience, attached are the lead and copper sample results cover letters for the past three rounds of lead and copper tap water monitoring for the above mentioned water systems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Laughlin".

Amanda Laughlin, P.E.
Chief Engineer

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