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TO: Executive Committee
Pipe Task Force

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SUBJECT: Standby Statement

One of the board members has asked that we modify the standby statement slightly. A revised version, with the change shown in italics, is attached FYI.

Again, I recommend that only the VI, UniBell and NSF respond to inquiries on this issue.



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Doniphan County (Kansas)
Standby Statement
EH&Co. Approved Draft
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Statement to be used in the event of media inquiries:

We have been notified that water in parts of the Doniphan County, Kansas Number 5 water district exceeds EPA standards for vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) content. This has been traced to *probable* migration from the PVC pipe and the industry is working diligently with the U.S. EPA, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the local water district to determine the scope of the problem and develop remediation options.

The pipe in question was installed in 1969, before the current drinking water standards were put in place in 1987, and in fact predates any VCM standards, mandatory or voluntary. In addition, the pipe is of small diameter, the installation design is unique and the amount of water flowing through it is low. All of these factors contribute to the situation, which is certainly not typical of the thousands of miles of PVC pipe in service throughout the country and in compliance with current drinking water standards.

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