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**From:** Lynn, Tricia [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=D8747BA49CDE485EA4AC58DBF09C3DCD-TRICIA SLUSSER]  
**Sent:** 9/12/2017 8:29:30 PM  
**To:** tclift@tribweb.com  
**Subject:** RE: Request for call on lead samples

Hi Theresa—

If attributing, please attribute to “an EPA spokesperson:”

141.90(a)(v) applies to those sites for which a tap sample result has been collected, analyzed and subsequently reported to the state. When reporting results to the state, the water system must identify which of the sites have not been used in previous monitoring periods and provide an explanation of why the site change was necessary (e.g., inability to gain access to a previously sampled site, a previous site no longer met selection criteria due to recent renovations, etc.).

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Theresa Clift [<mailto:tclift@tribweb.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 08, 2017 4:49 PM  
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <[lynn.tricia@epa.gov](mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request for call on lead samples

hi again Tricia,

regarding this section of your response below:

When reporting the results to the State, the water system is required, as per 141.90(a)(v), to designate which sites were not sampled during previous monitoring periods and include an explanation of why sampling sites have changed.

I reached out to the state and to the county health dept and neither receives this info from PWSA. PWSA says they do not report the info because their “sampling plan has not changed” can someone from EPA call me next week so I can explain the situation and see if PWSA is following the regulations?

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**Ex. 6**

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**From:** Lynn, Tricia [mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 1:39 PM  
**To:** Theresa Clift  
**Subject:** RE: Request for call on lead samples

Hi Theresa—

If attributing, please attribute to “an EPA spokesperson:”

**Q:** In addition, the borough of Braddock’s water authority, which is required to test 10 homes, had 3 homes above 15 ppb in the winter 2017 tests. 14 tests were submitted. For the summer 2017 tests, none of the same three homes were sampled that had exceeded the level the first time. 26 tests were submitted. They removed one because it was the vacant side of a duplex they said should not have been tested in the first place.

**Response:** Under the Lead and Copper Rule drinking water utilities are required to take a certain number of samples from a pool of Tier 1 sites. Utilities may wish to send sample bottles to more than the minimum number of sites to ensure that they receive the minimum number of samples, and all sample results are used for the 90th percentile calculation. EPA’s continued recommendation is for systems to promote customer participation to the extent possible to ensure the same sites are used. If the water system cannot gain entry to a site, the system may collect the sample from another site in its sampling pool as long as the new site meets the same targeting criteria, and is within reasonable proximity of the original site. When reporting the results to the State, the water system is required, as per 141.90(a)(v), to designate which sites were not sampled during previous monitoring periods and include an explanation of why sampling sites have changed.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule>

**Q:** Does any of this appear to be against regulations?

**Response:** It would not be appropriate for EPA to provide a comment at this time.

Thanks so much for your patience,

Tricia

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**From:** Theresa Clift [mailto:tclift@tribweb.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Request for call on lead samples

Yes I would. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 21, 2017, at 12:11 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov<mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov>> wrote:

Hi Theresa—

My colleague, Enesta Jones, has been out on leave for a few days, and I know your request is past its deadline. I'm wondering if you're still interested in something in writing if we're able to provide it. Would that still be of use to you? Thanks so much and my apologies for the delay, Tricia

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From: Theresa Clift <tclift@tribweb.com<mailto:tclift@tribweb.com>>

Date: August 9, 2017 at 6:10:21 PM EDT

To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>

Subject: Request for call on lead samples hi Enesta, I have some technical questions about whether PWSA and the Borough of Braddock are complying with certain parts of the Lead and Copper Rule regarding which homes are tested for lead every six months.

I would love if Peter Grevatt could give me a call on this.

he would not have to speak about these water authorities directly, but about the practices I have outlined here. my cell is below.

Thanks

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