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Subject: Re: Press Inquiry about Drinking Water

Michael, please see the letter: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-12/documents/lcr_federalism_consultation_letter_signed.12_14_17.pdf

It will be a point of emphasis for 2018. That's all the information we have at the moment.

On Dec 14, 2017, at 2:52 PM, Michael M. Torrice <M_Torrice@acs.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Jones

Thank you for the transcript of Administrator Pruitt's statements at the E&C hearing.

Is there any additional information or a person I could speak with to discuss specific areas EPA plans to look into as they draw up this lead initiative? And what is the timeline for unveiling this lead plan in the coming year?

Best,
--Michael

From: Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
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To: Michael M. Torrice <M_Torrice@acs.org>
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Subject: Re: Press Inquiry about Drinking Water

Hi Michael,

Here's what Administrator Pruitt said in the E&C Hearing:

"One of the things we're focused on as we head into 2018 is lead in our water supply/safe drinking water. I think there are tremendous challenges we have across the country with respect to service lines, in particular communities and the lead that's seeping into the water supply of our children. It's one of the greatest environmental threats we face as a country and one of the things I hope I can work with this Committee on in 2018 is a strategy over a ten year period to eradicate those concerns. It's going to be a very ambitious initiative of our Agency and its something we have various offices in the Agency working upon. There are about 17 agencies actually working on this issue of lead as well and I'm sending a letter to my colleagues in other agencies to make this a point of emphasis as we go into 2018."

"There are steps we can take on lead to make a difference for citizens of our country going forward."

"I understand that's a costly endeavor. Replacing lead service lines across the country has been estimated may cost as much as \$30 billion or maybe upwards of 50. 30 to 50 billion dollars but I will say to you that if we develop a ten year strategy on how to address that problem across the country - the State of Michigan is an example right now. [They're] considering lowering its levels from 15 ppb to 10 ppb on the standard and they're also spending a tremendous amount of money to replace those lead lines as I understand it. And that's good leadership of the Governor of Michigan and I think frankly we in Washington need to have that kind of conversation with states across the country to focus on that issue. The President has talked about infrastructure and the importance of using some of the infrastructure discussion to address these things and I look forward to that discussion with you."

"Look it's not just service lines, it's corrosion control measures that need to be deployed, obviously paint as well. So there's a multi-faceted approach that we need to evaluate on how to "declare a war on lead" if you will."

"1991 was the last time we had a Lead and Copper Rule... I will tell you it is a major part of what we need to be about with respect to this war on lead."

Also, please see today's announcement on lead:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-seeks-input-state-partners-lead-and-copper-rule>

On Dec 14, 2017, at 2:36 PM, Michael M. Torrice <M_Torrice@acs.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Jones

My name is Michael Torrice and I'm a reporter at Chemical & Engineering News, the weekly magazine of the American Chemical Society.

I'm working on a story about some comments Administrator Pruitt made during his testimony at the House Energy & Commerce Committee last week. He said that one of the things EPA is working on going into the new year are plans to address the problem of lead, especially lead in drinking water. He called it one of the greatest environmental threats we face.

I was wondering if EPA has any information on the issues regarding lead that they're working on and when in the coming year the agency might release its proposed plans. In particular, I'm interested in any plans regarding replacement of lead service lines.

My deadline is the end of next week (12/22). My contact information is below. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time,
--Michael

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