

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Lab Certification for Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA)

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As we discussed on the phone on May 17, 1989, here is some draft language for your response to paragraphs 1 and 3 on page 2 of Rosov's letter.

- Q. 1 The LCCA requires that testing be done in laboratories approved by the State. EPA does not intend to write laboratory certification regulations under the LCCA. Rather, EPA recommends that States base approvals under the LCCA upon their existing laboratory certification program for lead compliance samples under the Safe Drinking Water Act. States should examine each laboratory's current certification status and performance on recent low-level PE-samples provided by EPA, or equivalent samples.
- Q. 2 In March 1997, EPA published the "Manual for the Certification of Laboratories, Analyzing Drinking Water Criteria and Procedures, Quality Assurance" (4<sup>th</sup> Edition). This manual attempts to address past difficulties resulting from significant differences in State laboratory certification programs. It is available via the internet at <http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW/labindex.html>

(Signed by: Arthur H. Perler)