



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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October 27, 2023

David Kaptain, Mayor
City of Elgin
150 Dexter Ct.
Elgin, IL 60120

Dear Mayor Kaptain:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“IEPA”) has serious concerns regarding the high lead levels found at some residences during recent monitoring of the City of Elgin’s (“City”) drinking water. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) shares these concerns, and recently contacted IEPA regarding the City’s these high lead levels in the City’s drinking water.¹

By November 15, 2023, please submit a written response to IEPA advising as to the City’s plans to implement or continue to implement the following measures recommended by Illinois EPA and USEPA:

- Offer or deliver a water filter certified under NSF/ANSI-53 (lead reduction) and NSF/ANSI-42 (Class I particulate reduction) to each home with elevated lead in water;
- Continue and enhance outreach to customers about its lead testing and filter programs;
- Follow-up on lead in drinking water testing at Elgin schools and childcare facilities and expanded blood lead level (BLL) outreach and testing;
- Take steps to expedite design, permitting, and installation of optimized corrosion control treatment (CCT); and
- Fully utilize the WIIN Grant: Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program, including FY21-FY23 funding, which can support Elgin and other Illinois communities.

In addition, please provided updated data on filters provided to City residents and lead service line replacement progress to Illinois EPA. Please be advised that Illinois EPA is in the process of reviewing the corrosion control study submitted by Elgin. Illinois EPA looks forward to receiving a written response to this letter by November 15, 2023. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joey Logan-Pugh".

Joey Logan-Pugh
Manager, Compliance Assurance Section
Division of Public Water Supplies
Bureau of Water

Enclosure

cc: Debra Ness & Nora Bertram, City of Elgin (via email)

¹ Attached is a letter from EPA to IEPA, including enclosures detailing recommended measures to protect public health, dated September 15, 2023.