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Rosemary Menard, Director
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Dear Ms. Menard:

Thank you for your letter of October 31, 1997, which updates the Health Division on the status of lead and copper rule compliance activities for the Portland regional water supply system. Your letter also requests Health Division approval of the lead and copper program as required under the lead and copper rule.

Lead and copper test results received for the first round of monitoring after installation of corrosion control treatment indicate that pH adjustment of the Bull Run water supply is successful in substantially reducing the lead and copper levels at the customer tap. Other elements of the lead and copper program, the Home Lead Hazard Reduction Program, the Lead Exposure Prevention Education Program, and the Expanded Free Lead-In-Water Testing Program, are currently being implemented or will be implemented shortly. The Health Division approves these four program elements as optimal corrosion control treatment for lead and copper at the customer taps throughout the regional distribution system.

We understand that the second round of lead and copper tap samples are currently— being taken throughout the distribution system according to the monitoring plan previously approved by the Health Division. After review of the results of the second round of lead and copper tap samples and water quality parameter samples, the Health Division will set compliance levels for those water quality parameters which are being adjusted.

Thank you again for the update on your continued efforts to reduce lead exposure in the region.

Sincerely,

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cc: Harold Rogers, EPA- Oregon Operations