

July 19, 2022

Sanjay Sofat  
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Dear Mr. Sofat:

As you know, the Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board is charged with providing technical assistance to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in implementing the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (Public Act 102-0613). In furtherance of that objective, and as the representative of all 1,295 cities, villages and towns in Illinois, the Illinois Municipal League (IML) is soliciting feedback from our members on lead service line remediation efforts within their respective communities.

With many communities in the preliminary stages of establishing their lead service line replacement programs, the full scope of challenges with implementing the law is not yet fully known.

Thus far, the issue of adequate funding remains a primary concern for communities. Absent direct state or federal grant funding, community water supply owners are responsible for paying costs associated with the replacement of lead service lines within their distribution systems. Although the Act provides broad, permissive authority for municipalities to fund lead service line replacement through local sources, many communities are not in a position to impose those costs on residents.

An additional concern pertains to notice requirements in the Act. Specifically, the Act requires community water supply owners to provide notice to the owners and residents of potentially affected multi-unit buildings in multiple languages. Given the limited technical capacity of some communities, we request that IEPA develop a standardized notice for community water suppliers to utilize in completing this mandate that meets the multiple-language statutory requirement.



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It is our intention to share the feedback we receive as communities seek to comply with provisions of the Act. We maintain our willingness to serve as a partner and resource to IEPA and the Advisory Board as they continue with this important work.

I respectfully request that you share this correspondence directly with the Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board members in advance of or at their next Board meeting.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, or if I may be of assistance with this or any other matter. I may be reached by phone at (217) 525-1220 or by email at [mremmert@iml.org](mailto:mremmert@iml.org). Thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell Remmert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the last name.

Mitchell Remmert  
Director of Legislative Affairs