Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022

The Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board (Board) was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. on November 16, 2022, with the following Board members in attendance:

Sanjay Sofat, Chief, Bureau of Water, IEPA

Africa, Associate Director, IDOR

Jason Bauer, Assistant City Engineer, City of Aurora

Anna-Lisa Castle, Policy Director, Clean Water & Equity, Alliance for the Great Lakes

Andrea Cheng, Commissioner, City of Chicago

Brad Cole, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal League

Brian Cox, Plumbing and Water Quality Program Manager, IDPH

Briana Parker, Associate Director, Elevate Energy

Joseph Healy, Business Manager, LiUNA Local 1092

Paul Hinterlong, Councilman, City of Naperville

Darrell King, Water Production Bureau Chief, City of Evanston

Todd LaFountain, Water Division Manager, City of Springfield, CWLP

Brent O'Neill, Director of Engineering, Illinois American Water

Brian Rader, Public Works Superintendent, Village of Caseyville

Jones Richmond, Business Representative, Plumbers Local 130

Brenda Santoyo, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

Kyle Saunders, Public Works Director, City of Rockford

Iyana Simba, Illinois Environmental Council

Tom Somers, Director of Public Works, City of Herrin

Allison Swisher, Department of Public Utilities, City of Joliet

Eric Weiss, Water Director, City of Elgin

Justin Williams, Metropolitan Planning Council

Others attending (In-person):

Brad Frost, Office of Community Relations, IEPA

Gary Bingenheimer, Bureau of Water, IEPA

Jeff Guy, Office of Community Relations, IEPA

Michael Brown, Bureau of Water, IEPA

Deborah Williams, Regulatory Affairs Director, City of Springfield, CWLP

Jeff Guy took a roll call of Board members present.

The Draft Minutes from the July 27, 2022, Advisory Board meeting were adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Todd LaFountain introduced himself and gave his presentation to the Board: "City of Springfield, City Water, Light, & Power, Lead Service Line Program." Mr. LaFountain discussed progress within the City of Springfield and how it relates to the assigned six topics. Mr. LaFountain raised the issue of funding and what would be required to fully replace lead service lines within Springfield. Mr. LaFountain's presentation was followed by questions and a discussion that included: communication with low-income areas; rental properties with lead service lines; potential conflicts with customers; skill level of contractors; funding issues; and employment of local union workers for lead service line removal and replacement projects.

Deborah Williams noted that utilities (including the City of Springfield) do not have information on the low income status of individual customers, and it would be an administrative burden to require them to gather it.

The second agenda item was an email from Africa dated August 24, 2022. Africa suggested creating two Work Groups, including a Technical Work Group and Financing Work Group, to gather the needed information for the upcoming report. All Board members were in favor. It was discussed that each Work Group will meet independently with a chairperson appointed for each Work Group.

The next Board meeting is on January 25, 2023.

The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

The <u>meeting recording</u>, the <u>meeting presentation</u>, and other pertinent documents are available on the Agency's Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board webpage.