



**TO:** Mayor Shaun Sipma  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Jason Sorenson, Asst. Director of Public Works

**DATE:** January 13, 2020

**SUBJECT: EPA LEAD AND COPPER RULE PROPOSED CHANGES**

**I. RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Recommend council authorize the Mayor to sign a joint letter with the League of Cities and other ND municipalities on the City’s behalf.

**II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS**

Dan Jonasson, Director of Public Works	857-4140
Jason Sorenson, Assistant Director of Public Works	857-4140

**III. DESCRIPTION**

A. Background

The EPA has been in the process of drafting new federal regulations regarding the Lead and Copper rule for the past few years. Recently, the draft regulations were released for public comment. Based on what has been presented the changes could significantly impact the City of Minot. Changes to sampling procedures will likely have the City reporting higher levels than we have in the past and could place us in a situation where our utility will become federally required to do lead service line replacements. In Minot and other ND cities, the utility only has ownership to the curb box and rest of the service line into the home is private and owned by the homeowner.

B. Proposed Project

City staff attended a meeting with NDDEQ and other municipalities and rural water systems on January 8 to express our concerns. Their suggestion was to work as a group and provide comment to the EPA. The ND League of Cities is gathering comments from utilities across the state and will be drafting a letter to be signed by all those concerned. The request will be for EPA to recognize some of the difficulties with compliance and potentially large increases in required funding for the state and utilities.

C. Consultant Selection

N/A

**IV. IMPACT:**

A. Strategic Impact:

N/A

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

N/A

C. Fiscal Impact:

Project Costs

Project Funding

**V. ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS**

N/A

**VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

N/A