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Ms. Radhika Fox
Acting Deputy Administrator Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Proposed Delay of Effective and Compliance Dates of National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR)
Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0300

Dear Ms. Fox,

The state and territorial primacy agencies are co-regulators with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the development and implementation of drinking water regulations. As such, state primacy agencies have a unique relationship with EPA when compared to other drinking water stakeholders such as the regulated community, i.e., the water systems. This relationship provides unique opportunities and challenges in the regulatory development process, especially for complex rules such as the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR).

The State of Alaska Drinking Water Program appreciates the time and resources the Agency has expended on the LCRR, as it is a significant rulemaking that improves public health protection. The final LCRR as promulgated on January 15, 2021, has some areas that deserve some additional review and stakeholder engagement. **The State of Alaska supports the proposed delay of the LCRR effective date to December 16, 2021, as well as the delay of the compliance date to September 16, 2024.** The State of Alaska appreciates the opportunity to provide this early input in the LCRR review process. If you have any questions about these comments, please feel free to contact me at

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy L. Christian".

Cindy L. Christian

State of Alaska Drinking Water Program Manager

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