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Scott: We have reviewed the proposed regulation # 7-437 (#2790) of the Environmental Quality Board on Lead and Copper Rule Short Term Revisions. The goal of this regulation is to reduce lead and copper levels at consumers' taps, thereby reducing the health risk associated with lead and copper.

Although it is stated that these regulations are to keep PA in compliance with Federal regulations, it is noted that these regulations are more stringent than the Federal ones in certain areas. The question is why are they more stringent and does this action increase the cost for compliance by public water systems? Realize that with any increase in cost, the rate payers must foot the bill, and if the EQB is proposing requirements that are not necessary but result in an increased cost than we feel that it should be questioned and justified.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to review and comment on the proposed regulations. Elam

