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WATER SYSTEM, AND A TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

4. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ON THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS OF LEAD MUST BE INCLUDED VERBATIM IN THE NOTICE:

"THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) SETS DRINKING WATER STANDARDS AND HAS DETERMINED THAT LEAD IS A HEALTH CONCERN AT CERTAIN LEVELS OF EXPOSURE. THERE IS CURRENTLY A STANDARD OF 0.050 PARTS PER MILLION (PPM). BASED ON NEW HEALTH INFORMATION, EPA IS LIKELY TO LOWER THIS STANDARD SIGNIFICANTLY.

PART OF THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD. THIS IS BEING DONE EVEN THOUGH YOUR WATER MAY NOT BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CURRENT STANDARD.

EPA AND OTHERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LEAD IN DRINKING WATER. TOO MUCH LEAD IN THE HUMAN BODY CAN CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE BRAIN, KIDNEYS, NERVOUS SYSTEM, AND RED BLOOD CELLS. THE GREATEST RISK, EVEN WITH SHORT-TERM EXPOSURE, IS TO YOUNG CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN.

LEAD LEVELS IN YOUR DRINKING WATER ARE LIKELY TO BE HIGHEST:

/ IF YOUR HOME OR WATER SYSTEM HAS LEAD PIPES, OR
/ IF YOUR HOME HAS COPPER PIPES WITH LEAD SOLDER, AND
--IF THE HOME IS LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OLD, OR
--IF YOU HAVE SOFT OR ACIDIC WATER, OR
--IF WATER SITS IN THE PIPES FOR SEVERAL HOURS."

5. STATESIDE INFO ADDRESSEES SHOULD COORDINATE WITH WATER SUPPLIERS TO ENSURE THAT NOTICE IS GIVEN TO CONSUMERS OF LOCAL WATER SYSTEMS.

6. WE ARE SENDING A COPY OF 40 CFR 141.34 BY MAIL WHICH INCLUDES METHODS FOR CONSUMERS TO MITIGATE/MINIMIZE LEAD EXPOSURE FOR YOUR INFORMATION. OUR POINT OF CONTACT IS MR. ROBERT L. WARREN ON AV 227-1890 OR COMM (202) 697-1890.

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