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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

April 5, 2017

Mr. Erik Helm
Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
Standards and Risk Management Division
Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code: 4607M
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Attn: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2016-0686

Re: Request for Nominations for Peer Reviewers and for Public Comment on Peer Review Materials to Inform the Derivation of a Water Concentration Value for Lead in Drinking Water

Dear Mr. Helm:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) announcement of a public comment period for the draft Proposed Modeling Approaches for a Health-Based Benchmark for Lead in Drinking Water.

Enclosed, please find the TCEQ's comments related to this document. If there are any questions concerning the TCEQ's comments, please contact Ms. Lindsey Jones, Toxicology Division, at 512-239-1784 or lindsey.jones@tceq.texas.gov. We look forward to working with EPA throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Hyde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Richard A. Hyde, P.E.
Executive Director

Enclosure