



County of Northampton
Department of Community & Economic Development
Human Services Building
2801 Emrick Blvd. 1st Floor Bethlehem, PA 18020

November 19, 2019

Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Ms. Chiavetta

The County of Northampton, a County of the Third Class, (hereinafter referred to as County) is responding to the **Implementation of Act 120 of 2018; Doc.No.M-2019-3013286**. This request is to respond to Attachment 1, particularly article M-12 dealing with sensitive populations. The County has developed a plan for "wrap around services" for sensitive populations that include low to moderate income families, especially ones with very young children ages 1 to 7 years old. This plan includes using the resources of the County Lead Coalition (BEN Program) in low to moderate income areas. The plan calls for partnering up with our local health care providers, US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and other PA Departments to provide for:

- A voucher for no cost lead blood level screening.
- Stretching the current available funding and repurpose, if necessary, to address any lead water supply hazards that exist inside the home while the Utility is replacing the lead water supply on the outside.
- Use these existing funding sources to target removing other lead hazards in the home. The goal is to make sure that homes become lead free, so that families with very young children are protected, as they are the most at risk.
- Making sure best practices are used when it comes to the removing and handling of lead in any form.
- Maintaining a listing of homes that are cleared of lead hazards.

Our County BEN Lead coalition would like to make sure that our plan of "wrap around services" is considered when replacement of customer owned lead water services lines in areas with populations of low to moderate income persons are involved.

Any additional information needed, feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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