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Dear Ohio EPA-Division of Drinking & Ground Waters,

The City of Bellefontaine, Ohio has a long history of testing water samples submitted from residents who volunteer to have their tap water sampled with satisfactory results in addition to the water plant sampling submitted monthly to the Ohio EPA. Historically we have not kept any data on what services were lead or of any other material. Our longtime practice has been that k copper is the material of choice from the main to and leaving the meter pit located just inside the right of way line of each property. Once the service leaves the pit we have never kept any record of the type of material used or where the service line was located. There are existing service lines where the meter is in the basement and our responsibility has always ended at the right of way line where a curb stop and riser is located.

There have been a limited number of homes where we participated in the replacement of a lead service line and we made sure that those locations fit the limits of what has been shown on the map. We have replaced the services along a street and within the right of way on only two streets where we anticipated lead services; once when the street was rebuilt and in another case where we replaced the main. In these two cases the makeup of the line beyond the pit remains unknown although in almost every case it was already copper into the meter pit indicating that over time it had already been replaced. As such, these areas have not been removed from the areas shown as possibly containing lead service lines.

We are beginning an effort to record observations of any service line type we encounter and their locations as what we have shown may be in error and our hope is in the future we could become more knowledgeable about where this material was used and where it was not. Unfortunately the people who installed these lines and the knowledge they obtained doing their jobs over the course of their careers has vanished other than the more recent improvements that we have records of what materials were installed.

Your patience with the City of Bellefontaine and its Water Department employees as they strive to improve on their past record keeping is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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