The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division (DWMAD), will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan in Ballrooms 5-8 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The hearing will be held to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Supplying Water to the Public rules.

The proposed rule set (2017-008 EQ) will amend the current rules to provide additional provisions that reduce exposure to lead in drinking water. These include the removal of lead service lines from drinking water distribution systems and lowering the action level for lead, in addition to other protective provisions.

These rules are promulgated by authority conferred on the Director of the DEQ by Section 5 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399), identified as R 325.10101 through R 325.12820. These rules will take immediate effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.


Any interested person is invited to attend and present his or her views. It is requested that all statement be submitted in writing for the hearing record. Anyone unable to attend may submit comments in writing to the following address by 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2018. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address:

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The hearing site is accessible, including handicap parking. People with disabilities requiring additional accommodations in order to participate in the hearing (such as information in alternative formats) should contact Suzann Ruch at 517-284-6544 at least 5 days prior to the hearing date. Individuals attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products in order to enhance accessibility for everyone. Information at this meeting will be presented by speakers and printed handouts.