



*Jim Nash*

December 11, 2018

Re: Revised Lead and Copper Rules; Complaint Filed

Dear Oakland County Communities:

Today, my office, along with the Great Lakes Water Authority, the City of Detroit and the City of Livonia, filed the attached Verified Complaint for Declaratory Judgment Invalidating MDEQ's Revised Lead and Copper Rules with the Michigan Court of Claims.

We are not arguing about the desirability of lead service line removal, but rather how to go about accomplishing it. The Complaint emphasizes the rulemaking process was flawed. Local officials are faced with the prospect of following the Rules and exposing their communities to charges of violating the Constitution, or following the requirements of the Constitution and violating the Rules. Our strong preference is to sit down and work with the State to fix the flaws. As mentioned before, we still plan to follow this Complaint with a separate action regarding the Headlee unfunded mandate.

We would like to meet with you all again in the early New Year to follow up from the meeting facilitated previously by the City of Rochester and provide you with any updates. Please let me know if you have questions and feel free to forward any media inquiries our way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nash", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Jim Nash

