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To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to notify the public if a State agency and public water system are not taking action to address a public health risk associated with drinking water requirements.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 27, 2016

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving Notification
5 for Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT OF DRINKING WATER REGULA-**
 2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) EXCEEDANCE OF LEAD ACTION LEVEL.—Section
 4 1414(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–
 5 3(c)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
 7 following:

8 “(D) Notice of any exceedance of a lead
 9 action level or any other prescribed level of lead
 10 in a regulation issued under section 1412, in-
 11 cluding the concentrations of lead found in a
 12 monitoring activity.”;

13 (2) in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (D)
 15 and (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respec-
 16 tively; and

17 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
 18 the following:

19 “(D) EXCEEDANCE OF LEAD ACTION
 20 LEVEL.—Regulations issued under subpara-
 21 graph (A) shall specify notification procedures
 22 for an exceedance of a lead action level or any
 23 other prescribed level of lead in a regulation
 24 issued under section 1412.”;

25 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
 26 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC RELATING TO LEAD.—

“(A) EXCEEDANCE OF LEAD ACTION LEVEL.—Not later than 15 days after the date of an exceedance of a lead action level or any other prescribed level of lead in a regulation issued under section 1412, the Administrator shall notify the public of the concentrations of lead found in the monitoring activity conducted by the public water system if the public water system or the State does not notify the public of the concentrations of lead found in a monitoring activity.

“(B) RESULTS OF LEAD MONITORING.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may provide notice of any result of lead monitoring conducted by a public water system to—

“(I) any person that is served by the public water system; or

“(II) the local or State health department of a locality or State in

1 which the public water system is lo-
2 cated.

3 “(ii) FORM OF NOTICE.—The Admin-
4 istrator may provide the notice described
5 in clause (i) by—

6 “(I) press release; or

7 “(II) other form of communica-
8 tion, including local media.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1414(c)
10 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–3(c))
11 is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking “paragraph
13 (2)(E)” and inserting “paragraph (2)(F)”;

14 (2) in paragraph (2)(B)(i)(II), by striking “sub-
15 paragraph (D)” and inserting “subparagraph (E)”;
16 and

17 (3) in paragraph (3)(B), in the first sentence,
18 by striking “(D)” and inserting “(E)”.

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