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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

1 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing:

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

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

16 “(B) RESULTS OF LEAD MONITORING.—

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

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

23 “(II) the local or State health de-
24 partment 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(e))
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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