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Mr. F. David Martin  
Secretary  
New Mexico Environment Department  
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Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Secretary Martin:

I am pleased to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) drinking water primacy program revision application for the following rule:

1. Lead and Copper Rule Short Term Revisions

The EPA published a notice of our tentative approval of the primacy program revision in the Federal Register on November 9, 2011, and in a selection of New Mexico newspapers on November 14, 2011, to meet the requirements under 40 CFR §142.13. Since the EPA did not receive substantial comments or a request for a public hearing within 30 days of publication, our approval became final on December 14, 2011, in accordance with 40 CFR §142.13(g).

The EPA appreciates the NMED's work to achieve full primacy program status and oversight of this safe drinking water rule. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-2100, or your staff may contact Mr. Bill Hurlbut of our water division at (214) 665-8305.

Sincerely yours,

Al Armendariz  
Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Butch Tongate, Acting Deputy Secretary  
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