Connersville Utilities 216 Vine St Po Box 325 Connersville, IN 47331 2/22/2024

Dear Residents,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits as we continue to build a bright future for our city. This letter serves to address an important matter that affects our drinking water piping distribution system.

Our Water Utility is required to follow the regulations from the Federal EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The Federal EPA has issued an update to the Lead and Copper Rule with a requirement for <u>all public water utilities</u> to submit a Lead Service Line (LSL) Inventory. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is enforcing these requirements across the State of Indiana.

The purpose of this inventory is to identify areas where lead service lines may be present so that we can develop an informed plan to address them. The process involves gathering accurate data and mapping out the locations of these lines. We have assembled a dedicated team of professionals who are working diligently to conduct the inventory swiftly and efficiently. We need participation from every water utility customer to make our inventory as accurate as possible. The results of a completed inventory will be used to apply for GRANT FUNDS for our water utility. Without your help these grant funds cannot be accessed.

Our goal is to develop a long-term plan, taking advantage of federal grant funding and focusing on the systematic replacement of lead service lines, prioritizing areas with the greatest need. By completing the inventory and applying for grant funds, it will reduce the need for future rate increases due to service line improvement work.

This inventory has no impact on water quality but will help us determine the areas of the city which need the most assistance from Federal Grant funds. Regular water testing is conducted in compliance with all applicable regulations to ensure our water meets or exceeds the highest standards of quality.

Thank you for your participation,

Mike Bottomley Connersville Utilities