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DWS Circular Letter #2021-40

To: Public Water Systems, Certified Operators
From: Lori J. Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW
Date: June 14, 2021
Subject: Release of 3 new tools for the 3Ts toolkit

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The Department of Public Health (DPH) is the recipient of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Grant to assist schools and childcare programs to test for lead in drinking water in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 3Ts protocols. The DPH has been informed by the EPA regarding the release of three new tools for the 3Ts toolkit on Reducing Lead Level in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities.

Below are descriptions and links providing further information for each of the three new tools:

3Ts to Protect Children from Lead in Drinking Water at Child Care Facilities Poster. In collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – Office of Head Start and Office of Child Care, this poster features **Thirstin** (i.e., EPA drinking water mascot) to highlight the importance of **3Ts – Training, Testing, and Taking Action**, on reducing lead in drinking water in child care facilities. The poster is intended for facilities specializing in early care and educational programs, including center-based and family childcare homes, pre-kindergarten programs as well as Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. This friendly poster is a fun way to share and educate children, parents, guardians, staff, and associated communities about lead in drinking water. The poster can be found at the following URL: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2021-05/documents/3tschild_care_poster_508.pdf

Sampling eTracker for Child Care facilities. This sampling eTracker is a recordkeeping and reporting interactive tool for childcare facilities and small schools with ten (10) or fewer outlets. When testing for lead levels in drinking water, it serves to track sample results and actions taken when lead levels are detected. If the facility is receiving funding from the state under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act grant to test for lead in drinking water, the tool contains an auto-populating form that can be used to submit reportable information to the state. The tool can be found at the following URL: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/3ts-module-7>

Sampling eTracker for Schools. This sampling eTracker is an interactive recordkeeping and reporting tool for schools that have more than 10 outlets. When testing for lead levels in drinking water, it serves to track sample results and action taken when lead levels are detected. If the school is receiving funding from the state under the



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