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To whom it may concern:

The Primacy Assessment fees to water Departments should be a fee which has a ' sunset' feature which would allow the legislature to oversee how the program is proceeding. I would suggest every 10 years.

The fee does not treat all customers in a fair way and it appears that public water system customers are taking the larger share of this fee.

The proposed cap of \$ 5 per service connection is to high. There is also no cap on the total dollars for the program which should have a negotiated number

There also needs to be greater focus on accountability and efficiency by the Department. There needs to be some public review of how the department is using the funds to meet The Safe Drinking Water Primacy requirement. There needs to be a process that will show that there isn't an excessive duplication of regulatory oversight going on at the expense of the customers and that the other sources of funding are not being fully utilized or duplicated.

Lastly. The fee is not fair for all water systems. The non-transient systems will only have to pay \$ 150 every 5 years even though these are the systems requiring a great deal of the departments resources. This fee to these systems should be much larger.

Sincerely

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