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Subject: RE: Benton Harbor petition

Thank you Casey - this is helpful. OGWDW will continue to work closely with our R5 colleagues.

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I received a call from Governor Whitmer's office tonight about a forthcoming petition on drinking water in Benton Harbor that we may receive tomorrow. Their office heard that the Benton Harbor Community Water Council is preparing to send EPA a petition under the Safe Drinking Water Act, asking the agency to lower lead levels under the SDWA. Some previous communication between the group and R5 are attached for reference.

FYI — the Governor will also be announcing tomorrow her intent to use \$200 million from the state's ARP money for lead replacement in the state, and will be asking the utility to replace lead lines within 5 years.

Wanted to pass along these updates to the group for awareness. Hope it is helpful.