



REGION 3

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

VIA Electronic Mail

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**Re: Administrative Order
U.S. EPA Docket No. SDWA-03-2026-0051DS**

Dear Julie Alpert:

Enclosed please find the Administrative Order that the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 ("EPA") is issuing to the Garden Estates Central Water public water system for failure to submit a service line inventory by October 16, 2024, as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, 40 C.F.R. § 141.84.

Garden Estates Central Water is invited to confer with the EPA about the findings and conclusions reflected in the Order; **please request a conference within five (5) calendar days of receipt of this Order if you would like an opportunity to confer.**

The effective date of this Order shall be five (5) calendar days from the date of your receipt of this Order, or, if a conference is requested, this Order shall become effective five (5) calendar days after the conference is held.

The EPA has not determined whether Garden Estates Central Water constitutes a "small entity" under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act ("SBREFA") (see Title II of Public Law No. 104-121). The Small Business Resources and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act ("SBREFA") information link¹ provides information on contacting the SBREFA Ombudsman to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities and provides information on compliance assistance. Participating in the SBREFA program creates no new legal rights or defenses and will not affect the EPA's decision to pursue this enforcement action. The Ombudsman does not participate in resolving the EPA's enforcement actions.

¹<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2025-10/smallbusinessresourcesinfosheet092025.pdf>

Please note that failure to comply with the provisions of the attached Order may subject Garden Estates Central Water to further enforcement action.

Information regarding the initial service line inventory, including reporting forms, may be found on Maryland Department of Environment's (MDE) website at [https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/water_supply/Pages/Pb and Cu Rule.aspx](https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/water_supply/Pages/Pb_and_Cu_Rule.aspx).

Additionally, MDE's website contains instructions and templates for the service line material notifications and the corresponding certification form. Technical assistance in completing the initial service line inventory is available through the Maryland Rural Water Association (MRWA) at (410) 489-5877 or info@md-rwa.org.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact Natale DePase of my staff at (215) 814-2799 or Depase.Natale@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Andrea Bain
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