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Martha Maier
Vista Analytical Laboratory
1104 Windfield Way
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Re: Laboratory Results Acceptance
per 310 CMR 22.11A(2)
PFAS in Drinking Water

Dear Ms. Maier:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Drinking Water Program (DWP) is in receipt of your request for acceptance of analytical results for the testing of drinking water for PFAS for Massachusetts Public Water Suppliers (PWS).

EPA has discontinued oversight of laboratories approved for PFAS analysis under the Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3)¹. Unless and until MassDEP promulgates a regulation covering PFAS laboratory certification, MassDEP/DWP will accept PFAS results analyzed by laboratories certified by another state or certification authority. Laboratories seeking MassDEP acceptance of their laboratory PFAS results must be capable of achieving a minimum reporting level (MRL) of 5 parts per trillion (ppt) or lower for PFAS.

Also, in accordance with Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, 310 CMR 22.11A(2), “the Department may accept results of analyses performed by laboratories which are certified by the EPA or any other certification authority approved by the Department. Such laboratories must continue to participate in performance evaluation studies and in laboratory intercomparison cross check studies which include the analyses for which the laboratory is certified or seeking certification.”

Based on the third party accreditation, by the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program to conduct PFAS analysis, the MassDEP/DWP grants Vista Analytical Laboratory approval to conduct PFAS analysis for PWSs in Massachusetts. This approval is effective immediately and expires when the

¹ EPA approved laboratories for UCMR3 <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-10/documents/ucmr3-lab-approval.pdf>

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third party certification expires or when MassDEP promulgates a regulation covering PFAS laboratory certification and requires that all results be provided to the MassDEP/DWP by laboratories certified by MassDEP in accordance with 310 CMR 22.11A(1).

Please note that, as per 310 CMR 22.03(13), Massachusetts PWSs must use the attached PFAS analytical reporting form when reporting results to MassDEP/DWP.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact the DWP at program.director-dwp@mass.gov Subject: PFAS or call Margaret Finn of my staff at (617) 292-5746.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvette DePeiza". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Yvette DePeiza
Program Director
Drinking Water Program
MassDEP/DWP

Attachment: PFAS Analytical Report form

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