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Re: Lead Testing in School Drinking Water

Dear Superintendent:

The New York State (NYS) Department of Health's (Department) final regulation for Subpart 67-4 [Lead Testing in School Drinking Water](#) was published in the State Register on May 9, 2018, and replaces the emergency regulation. The final regulation does *not* change the required monitoring or reporting requirements for lead testing in school drinking water.

Schools in your district reported their drinking water lead test results into the Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS) application, accessed through the NYS Health Commerce System (HCS). This letter and the enclosures serve to guide schools to identify and correct common data reporting deficiencies and errors. In addition, the enclosed "Post-Remediation Data Entry Guide" describes how schools are to report post-remediation sample results.

The Department requests that schools review all HERDS data entry forms for accuracy and completeness by October 1, 2018. The Department will hold an informational webinar in September to answer and address any outstanding questions or concerns that schools may have. If you have questions about accessing or reporting data in HERDS, please contact us at lead.in.school.drinking.water@health.ny.gov or by phone at 518-402-7650.

Sincerely,

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Director
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Enclosures (4):

Instructions for School Drinking Water Lead Reporters
Gaining Access to Health Commerce System and HERDS Data Entry Application
HERDS Data Entry Guidance
Post-Remediation Data Entry Guide

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