

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF WATER

RE: New Mexico Public Water Systems Selected for U.S. EPA's Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5)

Dear UCMR 5 New Mexico Public Water Systems,

EPA, in partnership with the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), wishes to reach out to New Mexico Public Water Systems (PWSs) regarding the requirements for the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5). The UCMR 5 requires certain New Mexico PWSs to collect drinking water samples for 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium analysis during a 12-month period between 2023 and 2025.

To assist EPA with the UCMR 5, EPA is working with a contractor to conduct outreach to the UCMR 5 selected PWSs. The name of this contractor is the Great Lakes Environmental Center, Inc. (GLEC) that is based in Traverse City, Michigan. Outreach conducted can be through emails from the UCMR5@glec.com email address and/or by telephone from area code 231 or phone number 1-800-949-1581. EPA can verify that GLEC is a legitimate organization that is providing contractor support to the EPA for the UCMR 5.

Please also note that, for large PWSs, sampling for the UCMR 5 will be the responsibility of the PWS and not NMED. Please ensure that PWS staff is aware of all sampling requirements, locations, and dates.

For more information on the UCMR 5, please see the following resources:

- UCMR 5 Website
- EPA Approved Laboratories for UCMR 5
- For CDX/SDWARS 5 registration issues, please contact the CDX Help Desk at helpdesk@epacdx.net or call 1-888-890-1995
- For general questions about requirements or navigating SDWARS, please contact the UCMR Message Center at UCMR5@glec.com or 1-800-949-1581

Should you have any questions regarding any UCMR 5 emails or phone calls, please contact the EPA Region 6 Drinking Water Section and speak with Mr. Jatin Mistry at 214-665-7483 or send an email to (mistry.jatin@epa.gov) for further assistance.

EPA looks forward to working with you to carry out the UCMR 5 preparation and monitoring. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Melissa Simic, MS Team Leader for UCMR