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Statement from Ruth Ann Norton, President and CEO of the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, in support of the Biden-Harris Administration’s Proposal to Strengthen the Lead and Copper Rule to Protect All Communities in America from Lead in Drinking Water

BALTIMORE, MD---The announcement today by the EPA to require full lead service line replacement over the next ten years is a critical step in ending the toxic legacy of lead poisoning in the US. By also lowering the action level for lead in water from 15 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion and improving testing and sampling requirements and proactively addressing barriers to implementation, the EPA has made abundantly clear its goal to protect our children, pregnant women, and families from dangerous lead exposure.

Coupled with EPA and Administration efforts to eradicate lead in paint, soil, air, and other sources as part of its Environmental Justice and Justice 40 Initiatives, the announcement today advances work to address the social determinants of health, equity, and opportunity for all communities.

We commend the work of Assistant Administrator Radhika Fox and her team for thoughtfully moving forward standards and resources to advance lead poisoning prevention and create better opportunities for all.

Read the Environmental Protection Agency's press release [here](#) to learn more.