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Dear Dr. Leibovitz:

Thank you for your March 8, 2018 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), regarding your concerns with cyanide testing in drinking water. The EPA appreciates the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board's (ELAB) recommendations to improve the tools the Agency provides to our state and local partners. The EPA strives to ensure that national efforts to address environmental risks and protect public health are based on the best available scientific information, in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Consistent with your recommendations, the EPA's Office of Water (OW) is currently preparing an update of the *Cyanide Clarification of Free and Total Cyanide Analysis for Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Compliance* document (EPA 815-B-16-012). The OW is working closely with the regional drinking water laboratory certification programs to address your concerns. We anticipate releasing this update in the coming months. We will work with the EPA Regions to distribute the revised guidance to state drinking water laboratory certification programs.

The EPA appreciates ELAB's efforts to identify ways that the Agency can better assist states and communities in providing access to safe drinking water. Should you have any questions, please contact Dan Hautman of our Technical Support Center at 513-569-7274 or hautman.dan@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Ross".

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