

# PSC Chairperson Valcq: Statement on the Biden-Harris Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan

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MADISON – On Thursday, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack visited the City of Bloomer, Wisconsin, to announce a \$27.6 million investment for water and sewer upgrades and replacement of 20,000 feet of lead-jointed water mains. The funds were made available through the USDA as outlined in the Biden-Harris Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan.

“I applaud this week’s visit by Agriculture Secretary Vilsack’s to Bloomer, Wisconsin,” said Public Service Commission Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq. “The presence of lead in service lines and other water infrastructure affects large and small communities alike in locations across our state.

I am extremely proud of the PSC’s collaborative work to help accelerate utilities’ replacement of lead service lines over the past several years. Because the PSC requires drinking water utilities to report on both their utility-side and customer-side lead service lines, this has positioned Wisconsin utilities ahead of the curve in terms of getting the lead out and meeting new federal requirements.”

For more information regarding the Biden-Harris Lead Pipe and Action Plan visit [here](#).