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FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer
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SUBJECT: WDEQ Accepting Grant Applications for Lead Testing in Schools

WDEQ ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR LEAD TESTING IN SCHOOLS

The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) is accepting applications for lead testing in drinking water at schools and child care facilities. Public schools must work through their respective school districts to apply. The program was established by Congress, with funding appropriated to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In February 2019, Governor Mark Gordon directed the WDEQ to pursue this funding opportunity. This is a voluntary program. Before filling out an application, review the approved work plan, available at deq.wyoming.gov.

As part of this Program, the EPA requires the state and participating facilities to adhere to the U.S. EPA's 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities manual and guidance. Use the EPA's 3T's [Toolkit](#), and [application](#) to participate.

The WDEQ and its partners are available to assist facilities through the process.

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