



Omaha Lead Site
Community Advisory Group
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Dear Mr. Christiansen,

The Omaha Lead Site Community Advisory Group (CAG) is an assembly of community members and technical representatives, providing a forum to discuss and resolve technical issues and community concerns relating to the Omaha Lead Site (OLS). As you may be aware, the OLS was added to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Superfund National Priorities List in 2003 and is roughly defined as the area bordered by 45th Street on the west, the Missouri river on the east, Ames Avenue on the north, and "L" Street on the south.

It has come to the attention of the CAG that MUD's most recent round of water quality testing for lead included sampling of seven properties located within the OLS boundaries. Due to the fact that there are over 40,000 properties within the OLS, the CAG is concerned that seven properties may not provide a statistically significant sampling.

Considering that a large percentage of homes within the OLS boundaries have the potential to contain lead soldered piping, the CAG recommends that MUD conduct a more thorough sampling of this area. The CAG requests that MUD collect a minimum of 33 additional water samples from within the OLS boundaries for lead analyses.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (402) 344-7797.

Sincerely,

Brenda Council
Facilitator