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WQA certifies that Culligan products meet new federal lead-free mandates

Independent lab offers testing and certification on “Get the Lead Out” law

Lisle, Illinois USA — The Water Quality Association announced today that it has certified products of Culligan Corporation as in compliance with the new federal lead-free law even before the requirements take effect.

Culligan can now market its products with independent verification that they meet the requirements of the Federal Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act. Both residential and commercial products were included in the certification.

The WQA testing program certifies products that convey or dispense water for human consumption, including plumbing fixtures and appliances.

“CULLIGAN quote,” said, for Culligan Corporation.

The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act became law in early 2010. It defines “lead-free” under the Safe Drinking Water Act as not containing more than 0.2 percent lead when used with solder and flux. Products also must not exceed a weighted average of 0.25 percent lead when used with the wetted surfaces of pipes and pipe and plumbing fittings and fixtures.

The law provides a three-year implementation period, but Culligan chose to provide certification of its compliance early. Many other companies are also pursuing WQA certification.

“Consumers increasingly want credible documentation about the products they buy for their families,” said Tom Palkon, director of the WQA laboratory. “With WQA certification, companies can provide that assurance.”

WQA is a not-for-profit association that provides public information about water treatment issues and also trains and certifies professionals to better serve consumers. WQA has more than 2,500 members internationally.