



EPA LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS (LCRR) SERVICE LINE INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS

Important Information –

In 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR). In accordance with this ruling, the EPA is requiring all community water systems to create an inventory of all water service lines including the type of pipe material within their distribution system and submit that inventory report to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). EPA defines water service lines as the pipe connecting the water main to the interior plumbing of the building. The water service line may be owned wholly by the water system or the customer, or in some cases, ownership may be split between the water system and the customer. In Louisiana Water Company's (LAWCO's) water systems, we own the service line from the main to the water meter or to the customer's point of connection; and, the customer owns the service line from the water meter or the customer's point of connection to the interior plumbing of the building. The goal of this program is to identify and replace lead service lines that may still be in existence. The EPA has confirmed an October 2024 deadline for this inventory to be completed and reported to regulatory authorities. LAWCO has been diligently working towards this goal.

Since the EPA's implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule in 1991, LAWCO's water systems' routine lead sampling and test results have largely been found to contain lower than the laboratory's analytical method's detectable limit for lead. These extremely low lead levels, in conjunction with the Louisiana ban of the use of lead in community water systems and customer plumbing after 1988, lead us to believe that we have few, if any, lead service lines in LAWCO's water systems.

What You Need to Know -

The EPA is requiring that water systems inventory the entire water service line including that underground portion of the service line owned by the customer. LAWCO does not have records identifying the type of pipe material on the customer owned water service line. Therefore, LAWCO personnel, and/or our authorized contractors, will begin the process of hand digging a small hole on each side of the water meter or customer's point of connection to expose the water service line for the purpose of identifying and recording the type of pipe material for the LAWCO and customer owned portions of the water service line for regulatory reporting requirements.

Providing clean, safe, and reliable drinking water is our number one priority. The Water Quality Reports from all LAWCO service areas confirm that our drinking water meets all safety standards and poses no threat to public health. If you have any questions regarding the new LCRR and the service line inventory requirements, please feel free to call your local LAWCO customer service office.

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