



Drinking Water Bureau

Lead Service Line Inventory Requirements Fact Sheet

What is the Rule?

The Lead Service Line Replacement Requirements (outlined in § 141.84) require that all community and non-transient, non-community water systems develop an inventory to identify service line materials connected to the public water distribution system. The rule aims to phase out lead service lines and minimize lead exposure in drinking water.

Lead Service Line Inventory

- All water systems must create an inventory by October 16, 2024, including service lines irrespective of ownership status.
- Utilization of various sources such as construction codes, system records, inspections, and state-provided methods to identify service line materials.

Categorization of Service Lines

- Service lines categorized as "Lead," "Galvanized Requiring Replacement," "Non-lead," or "Lead Status Unknown" based on material identification.
- Ongoing tracking of service line materials encountered during normal operations.

Public Accessibility of Inventory

- The service line materials inventory must be publicly accessible, with specific locational identifiers for lead and galvanized requiring replacement service lines.
- Larger water systems (serving >50,000 persons) must make the inventory available online.

Lead Service Line Replacement Plan

- Systems with lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service lines must submit a comprehensive replacement plan to the State by October 16, 2024.
- The plan should include strategies for material identification, replacement procedures, customer notification, prioritization, and funding strategies.

Replacement Scenarios

- Detailed requirements for full and partial lead service line replacements, including notice provisions, risk mitigation measures, and consumer assistance with certified filtration devices.
- Mandatory replacement rates for systems exceeding lead action levels.

Compliance and Reporting

- Reporting to NMED demonstrating compliance with the inventory, replacement goals, and other stipulations within the rule.

Funding for Public Water Systems

Public water systems impacted by the LCRR, may apply for their share of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding that has been specifically provided for Lead related projects. Systems may use these funds for conducting lead service line inventories and planning, lead service line replacements and planning, or a variety of other lead related projects. Please visit the [NMED Water Infrastructure Projects and Funding](#) webpage for more information and to submit a no obligation [pre-application funding form](#).

Implications for Individuals

Consumers may receive notifications about service line replacements, temporary water quality changes, health effects of lead, and measures to minimize exposure.

Why is it Important?

This rule aims to address lead exposure concerns by systematically identifying, categorizing, and replacing lead service lines, ensuring public access to information, and outlining procedures for water systems to comply with lead service line replacement requirements.

For More information

The information provided in this fact sheet is a high-level summary of the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. For detailed information and specific guidelines regarding lead service line replacement requirements, refer to the complete text of 40 CFR § 141.84. Public Water Systems directly impacted by this rule should refer to the official regulatory text and consult with the New Mexico Environment Departments Drinking Water Bureau at lcr.manager@env.nm.gov for additional guidance or assistance.