



Reminder: PFAS Settlement Deadlines

Deadlines for public water systems to opt out of the 3M and DuPont settlements are fast approaching:

December 4, 2023 - Deadline for Opting Out of DuPont Settlement

December 11, 2023 - Deadline for Opting Out of 3M Settlement

What if a Public Water System Takes No Action by the Deadlines?

Potential class members that take no action will be automatically added to the settlement class and bound by any judgment or other final disposition of the settlement, including the release from liability that precludes claims against 3M, DuPont, and their predecessors and successors, et al. This release does not preclude lawsuits against other manufacturers that are not part of the settlements.

Note: Provisions regarding indemnification that would have been unfavorable to public water systems have been deleted from the proposed settlement agreements.

However, unless you complete the Public Water System Settlement Claims Form and submit it to the Claims Administrator in a timely manner, you will **not** recover any payment from the settlement, but you will still be subject to the release from liability.

Opting Out

Any person within the Settlement Class who wants to opt out must file a written and signed statement entitled "Request for Exclusion" and send certified or 1st class mail to the Notice Administrator and other parties, as prescribed in the Settlement Notice. Such Request for Exclusion must be received by parties by the deadline dates.

To determine whether your system is eligible to submit a claim under the settlements, visit www.pfaswatersettlement.com. The compensation will be distributed according to a two-factor formula: 1) how much PFAS is in the water system and 2) how much water the utility treats.

An estimated range of financial recovery public water systems may expect under the settlements may be accessed below:

Claim estimates for the 3M settlement [are available here](#).

Claim estimates for the DuPont settlement [are available here](#).

Ventural Law of Danbury, CT prepared a detailed memorandum outlining the issues that public water systems should consider in determining whether to submit a claim or opt-out of the settlements. The memorandum may be downloaded [here](#).

EPA's Get the Lead Out Initiative

Through the Get the Lead Out (GLO) Initiative, EPA will partner with 200 underserved communities, helping them identify lead services lines in their communities, develop replacement plans, and apply for funding to get the lead out. The GLO Initiative will help communities nationwide address barriers to lead pipe removal by providing tools, best practices, and peer exchange and learning.

What kind of actions will the GLO Initiative support?

EPA will work with communities to get the lead out by supporting the development of:

- **LSL Inventories** that meet 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions requirements deadline. An LSL Inventory is necessary to fully identify the funding needs of the community.
- **Community Engagement Plans** that invite community input, provide educational resources, and meaningfully engage affected community members while identifying and replacing LSLs
- **Lead Service Line Replacement Plans** to provide each municipality a roadmap for 100% identification and full replacement of all LSLs, including public and private portions
- **State Revolving Fund (SRF) Applications** to help communities fund their service line replacement. Each recipient of this technical assistance will receive a customized plan to facilitate their work with the state.

Additionally, EPA will develop tools and case studies to share information and best practices between the Agency, state and Tribal programs, water system managers, and community leaders.

How can my community participate in the GLO Initiative?

Communities can request assistance from the GLO Initiative by completing request form at: <https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/forms/water-technical-assistance-request-form>

For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/get-lead-out-initiative>

New London Breaks Ground on Lead Service Line Replacement Project

Last week, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to highlight the City of New London's Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Project. The replacement project, which has been undertaken in collaboration with Arcadis, is a multi-year project to replace an estimated 3,300 service lines. The project is valued at approximately \$33 million and has received financial support from the state Department of Public Health's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Arcadis is providing planning, design, and construction management services to New London to help identify and eliminate lead service lines throughout the city. Including both pre- and post-construction activities, Arcadis is responsible for developing the LSLR program and overseeing the replacements at each location, prioritizing high-risk areas. In addition, Arcadis is supporting the project with funding assistance and community outreach to keep residents informed of the project's progress through regular updates, community meetings, door-to-door information packets and social information channels.

The LSLR program will begin with a comprehensive assessment and inventory of lead service lines in the city. To support compliance with all health and safety standards, quality assurance and water testing will take place throughout the program. Lead service lines will be removed and replaced with modern, safer materials, and residents will receive continuous communication throughout the program.

Currently, the City of New London delivers safe drinking water for over 60,000 customers.

