



Legislative & Regulatory News

Lead & Copper Rule Revisions Adopted

On December 16, 2021, EPA announced its decision to adopt Lead & Copper Rule Revisions to implement near-term actions. It also announced that it would move forward with a formal rulemaking process to seek revisions to strengthen key elements of the rule. The new proposal, referred to as the Lead & Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), will focus on improving the rule to "support the overarching goal of proactively removing lead service lines and more equitably protecting public health", including:

- Replacing 100% of all lead service lines as quickly as possible;
- Strengthening compliance tap sampling requirements;
- Exploring options to clarify the action and trigger levels and evaluating whether trigger levels are still necessary; and
- Prioritizing the needs of historically underserved communities, particularly with respect to lead service line replacement.

Download [EPA's Fact Sheet](#), which indicates that the agency will provide guidance to local water systems, state primacy agencies and other partners, including best practices, case studies, and templates for lead service line inventories.

Download [EPA's pre-publication notice](#) outlining its decision to revise the LCRI before Oct. 16, 2024.

The Biden-Harris Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan

The White House also unveiled its [Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan](#) on Dec. 16, which focuses largely on lead service line replacement and addressing the needs of communities disproportionately impacted by lead, including the following action items:

- Collaborating with local, state, and federal partners to accelerate the replacement of lead pipes over the next decade;

- EPA allocating \$3 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding to states, Tribes, and Territories for lead service line replacement in 2022, and calling on states to prioritize underserved communities;
- EPA launching a new regulatory process to protect communities from lead in drinking water;
- Treasury clarifying that the \$350 billion State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund provided in the American Rescue Plan can be used for lead service line and lead faucet and fixture replacements; and
- EPA and DOL establishing regional technical assistance hubs to fast track lead service line removal projects in partnership with labor unions and local water agencies.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

Under the new infrastructure package signed into law by President Biden, states will receive funding to assist water systems upgrading infrastructure, including removing lead service lines. Under the first year [allotment](#), Connecticut will receive almost \$77 million, which includes:

- \$17,955,000 for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
- \$28,275,000 for DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement
- \$7,540,000 for DWSRF Emerging Contaminants
- \$21,983,000 for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
- \$1,154,000 for CWSRF Emerging Contaminants

CWWA is awaiting further guidance regarding the availability of federal funding.

Preparing for LCRR Compliance - 8 Key Action Items

CDM Smith, Inc. updated its presentation from CWWA's June workshop to assist Connecticut's water sector in complying with the adopted Lead & Copper Rule Revisions.

The [presentation](#) includes information on 8 Key Action Steps to comply with the revised rule:

1. Develop inventory for all service lines and prepare website to host
2. Verify lead status unknown service lines
3. Develop a LSLR Plan and new SOPs for disturbances
4. Update sampling pool with new tiers
5. Revise sampling protocols to meet LCRR
6. Prepare sampling plan for schools & daycare centers

7. Review CCT and start performing 5th liter sampling
8. Prepare new public notifications

All Hands on Deck: Navigating the First 24 Hours Following a Cyberattack

SAVE THE DATE! CWWA is teaming up with **Day Pitney LLP** on **January 20, Noon - 1:30 p.m.** to present a webinar to assist water utilities in navigating the first 24 hours following a cyberattack.

The webinar, which is free for CWWA members and Associate Members, will walk attendees through a simulated response to a cyberattack in the water sector, including recommended responses, guidance on reporting at the state, local and federal levels, and risk mitigation strategies.

Registration will be open next week!

