



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

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July 13, 2016

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Re: Lead and Copper Rule  
Improving Transparency and Public Information  
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Dear «SAL» «LAST»:

In the early 1990's, community and non-transient non-community water systems were required to complete a materials evaluation of its distribution system and maintain a materials inventory as part of the water system's lead and copper sampling plan per 40 CFR §141.86(a) and LAC 51:XII.1703. The materials inventory was required to identify construction materials present in the water system's distribution which may contain lead such as piping, solder, caulking, and interior lining of distribution mains, alloys and home plumbing. The materials inventory was required to include locations served by a lead service line and/or other lead plumbing served by the water system. With respect to copper, the materials inventory was required to identify construction materials present in the water system's distribution containing copper such as piping and alloys, service lines, and home plumbing.

In response to recent events, the USEPA has requested that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) work with public water systems to improve transparency regarding the implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). Therefore, LDH is requesting for public water systems to provide the following information either through their own publicly accessible website or through LDH's website:

- Materials inventory of the distribution system previously required to complete under the LCR. This inventory must include the locations of lead services lines, together with any updates to the inventory and map(s) of lead service lines and lead plumbing in the system.

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The information requested above should be posted on the water system's website or submitted to the LDH by **August 31, 2016**. LDH will post the information to the Department's website or provide a link to the information on the website. If the water system fails to provide or post the information, it will be noted on the Department's website that no information has been provided. All information should be updated prior to submitting to the State. If your water system does not have a distribution system materials inventory, the water system will have to generate the materials inventory.

Public water systems should also enhance efforts to ensure that residents promptly receive lead sampling results through lead consumer notices and that the general public receives prompt information on how to reduce exposure to high lead levels in drinking water systems. LDH appreciates your attention in this matter and looks forward to working with you in ensuring the protection of public health.

If you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us at (225)342-7499.

Sincerely,

Safe Drinking Water Program  
LDH/OPH Engineering Services

Enclosure: United States Environmental Protection Agency letter to Secretary Rebekah Gee

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