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The City of Covington, PWS LA1103011, located in St. Tammany Parish, has for years, had on ongoing lead removal program. In every instance where lead was found in the distribution system, it was removed and replaced with safer pipelines. As far as is known, there is no lead in the city system at this time. The distribution system currently in use uses Ductile iron, PVC, A/C, PE and Cast iron pipes to provide water to the customers. The city complies with the DHH lead and copper rules for regular sampling. The most recent survey was done in August of 2017. The vast majority of the results indicated there were no traces of lead in the water samples. Only one sample had a reading above a slight trace. This sample was still under permissible limits. The results of the sampling were immediately given to the sites, so that any necessary replacement of lead lines could be performed.

The city has structures which date back as much as 100 years, which were constructed before any state sanitary code was in effect. Since the early 1980's, full time building inspections have been conducted in order to assure that the state sanitary codes, lead and copper rules and building regulations have been followed.

Copper use has been monitored and compliance assured through the building inspection guidelines. All copper use has been within the state sanitary code and DHH guidelines. The city does not use copper in any of its distribution lines. All fittings are brass.

The City of Covington takes the safety of its drinking water very seriously and constantly works to insure its quality.

Paul Shoemaker
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