

Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (Oct. 9, 2024) – All drinking water systems in the country are required to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) by October 16, 2024.

As part of our compliance, the City of Virginia Beach Department of Public Utilities (DPU), along with all other water systems in the country, must publish an inventory map of all water service line materials in our service area, with the idea that we would identify and remove any lead materials that may be in the water distribution system.

DPU is committed to protecting public health by providing clean, reliable drinking water to our customers.

- We have identified roughly 90% of the public water service lines and 85% of the private water service lines in Virginia Beach's water distribution system.
- To date, no lead water service lines have been found.
- A water service line material inventory map will be available on VirginiaBeach.gov/Lead by mid-October. Using this map, customers will be able to search their property address and learn the material of both the public water service line and private water service line serving their property.
- Following the publication of the map, DPU is also required to mail letters to customers at properties where the water service line material has not yet been identified. EPA requires that this letter include specific language that the customer's service line material is "unknown, but may be lead." Customers should not be alarmed if they receive this notice, as DPU is actively working to ensure all water service line materials are identified and included in the inventory.
- As part of the same initial mailing, drinking water systems would also be required to send notification letters to residents if the material of their service line is determined to be lead or galvanized steel requiring replacement (GRR). Because no lead or GRR service lines have been found in Virginia Beach's water distribution system, DPU does not anticipate sending those letter types.
- DPU will continue their water service line material verification efforts until all service line materials in Virginia Beach are known. DPU expects to complete its water service line inventory by July 2028.

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