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THE LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS

**CERTIFICATION OF CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION OF
SERVICE LINES CLASSIFIED AS:
LEAD, GALVANIZED REQUIRING REPLACEMENT, OR LEAD STATUS UNKNOWN**

For Community Water Systems and Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems

By July 1 of the years 2025, 2026, and 2027, water systems must certify to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) that an annual notification has been provided to all persons/water customers* served by a service line** with [material classified](#) as Lead or Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) or Lead Status Unknown ("Unknown").

Annual notification is NOT required for service lines classified as Non-lead. If your water system has only Non-lead service lines in its water distribution system, both Notification and Certification are NOT required.

The initial notification of service line materials (based on the initial service line inventory) must be provided to water customers either by November 15, 2024, or within 30 days of the completion of the initial service line inventory (if the initial service line inventory was completed and submitted to MDE after October 16, 2024). Certification of the initial notification is due to MDE by July 1, 2025. The notification must be repeated annually by December 31 of each year until the entire service connection is no longer a Lead, Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR), or Lead Status Unknown service line, and water systems must certify to MDE by **July 1 of the following year**.

**For new water customers, water systems must also provide the notification at the time of service initiation if the service line is classified as Lead, GRR, or Lead Status Unknown.*

***A service line is a pipe from either the water main to the building inlet OR from the well/wellhouse to the building inlet.*

Water systems must send the following documents to MDE at Reporting.LeadCopperRule@maryland.gov:

1. This Certification form with all required sections completed; AND
2. An example copy of each type of service line material notification[†] provided to water customers.

NOTE: To ensure that documents are properly identified, please include the water system name, PWSID, and "LCRR Certification of Service Line Materials" in the subject line of the email.

[†]For Instructions and templates for notification of service lines classified as Lead, GRR, or Lead Status Unknown, click [HERE](#).

I. GENERAL WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION:

Water System Name: _____ PWSID #: _____

County: _____ Population: _____ Water System Type: ☐ Community
(select one) ☐ Non-Transient Non-Community

II. CERTIFICATION - PART 1: NOTIFICATION PERIOD (Select ONE Notification Period Only)

Select the Notification Period you are certifying and answer the Yes/No question under the selected Notification Period:

- ☐ Initial Notification (Certification due July 1, 2025)
- Was the Notification completed for all necessary persons[‡] either:
 - by November 15, 2024 (if the initial inventory was completed/submitted to MDE by October 16, 2024); or
 - within 30 days of the completion of the initial inventory (if completed/submitted after October 16, 2024)?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No (Provide date completed: _____)
- ☐ Annual Notification required between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025 (Certification due July 1, 2026)
- Was the Notification completed for all necessary persons[‡] by December 31, 2025?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No (Provide date completed: _____)
- ☐ Annual Notification required between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026 (Certification due July 1, 2027)
- Was the Notification completed for all necessary persons[‡] by December 31, 2026?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No (Provide date completed: _____)

[‡] "Necessary persons" include water customers who are served by a Lead or Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) or Lead Status Unknown service line.

III. CERTIFICATION - PART 2: TYPES AND DELIVERY OF NOTIFICATION**Types of Service Line Material Notifications Issued**

1. Water systems must notify all persons/water customers served by a Lead, Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR), or Lead Status Unknown service line. Select type(s) of Notification that were issued during the Notification Period indicated in "Certification - Part 1" (select all that apply):

- ☐ Lead Service Line Notification
- ☐ Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) Service Line Notification
- ☐ Lead Status Unknown ("Unknown") Service Line Notification

Service Line Material Notifications NOT Issued: Vacant Buildings/Lots

2. This section only applies to water systems that were **unable** to issue **any** notifications of one or more types of Service Line material(s) listed below because **all** of the service lines of that type(s) were connected to vacant buildings/lots (i.e., there were no water customers served by such service lines). Select type(s) of service line material(s) with no/zero notifications issued during the Notification Period indicated in "Certification - Part 1" (select all that apply):

- ☐ Lead Service Line
- ☐ Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR) Service Line
- ☐ Lead Status Unknown ("Unknown") Service Line

If vacant buildings/lots were not the reason for no/zero notifications, please explain:

Methods of Delivery of Notification Used

3. Water systems must provide Notification of Service Line Materials using one or more methods acceptable to MDE. Select methods that were used during the Notification Period indicated in "Certification - Part 1" (select all that apply):

- ☐ Mail delivery ☐ Email delivery ☐ Hand delivery (including door hangers)
- ☐ Posting the notice in conspicuous place(s) within each building (for "Special"* Community and Non-Transient Non-Community water systems only)
- ☐ Other method approved by MDE: _____

***"Special" community water systems are facilities with live-in residents (such as nursing homes, correctional facilities, rehabilitation centers, retirement homes, hospitals with live-in patients, etc.) that have their own water sources (such as wells, springs, etc.).*

I hereby certify that:

- ☐ The Service Line Material Notification(s) was/were distributed to all necessary persons[‡] served by the water system by the methods and dates indicated above and the Notification included:
- All required elements/content as stated in [40 CFR 141.85\(e\)\(3\)](#); and
 - EPA's mandatory language regarding the health effects of lead ([40 CFR 141.85\(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#)).
- ☐ An example copy of each type of Service Line Material Notification provided to water customers is included with this certification form.

Signature of Owner, Operator, or Designee

Date

Name of Owner, Operator, or Designee (printed or typed)

Phone Number

Title

Email Address