

What is the purpose of the LCRR?

The revised rule is intended to minimize the risks of lead exposure in children and communities by better protecting children at schools and childcare facilities, safeguarding the nation's drinking water and empowering communities through information.

What are the requirements for the service line inventory?

The Service Authority must conduct an inventory of all service lines on both the Service Authority's side of the water meter and the property owner's side of the meter. The Service Authority must submit the results to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) by October 16, 2024. The test results must classify all service lines in one of the following categories:

- Lead – where the service line is made of lead
- Non-Lead – where evidence indicates the service line is not made of lead
- Galvanized Requiring Replacement – where a galvanized service line is downstream of a current or former lead service line; or
- Lead Status Unknown – where there is no documentation or evidence to classify the material type

Has the Service Authority tested for lead in your drinking water prior to the LCRR?

Yes. The original Lead and Copper Rule required testing in the Service Authority's distribution system as well as established action levels for both lead and copper when the rule was first published in 1991. All the Service Authority's distribution systems have remained in compliance with the original Lead and Copper Rule since its inception.

What are the next steps?

The Service Authority is working on a service line inventory. Once the inventory is completed, it will be sent to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

All systems must make their lead service line inventories available to the public. Once VDH approves the line inventory, the Service Authority will identify lead and copper sampling locations in areas that contain lead service lines.