EPA’s Lead and Copper Rule Proposal

EPA is proposing the first major overhaul of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) since 1991. The proposal focuses on six key areas:

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by requiring water systems to prepare and update a publicly-available inventory of lead service lines and requiring water systems to “find-and-fix” sources of lead when a sample in a home exceeds 15 parts per billion (ppb).

**Strengthening treatment requirements**
by requiring corrosion control treatment based on tap sampling results and establishing a new trigger level of 10 ppb.

**Replacing lead service lines**
by requiring water systems to replace the water system-owned portion of an LSL when a customer chooses to replace their portion of the line. Additionally, depending on their level above the trigger level, systems would be required to take LSL replacement actions.

**Increasing drinking water sampling reliability**
by requiring water systems to follow new, improved sampling procedures and adjust sampling sites to better target locations with higher lead levels.

**Improving risk communication to customers**
by requiring water systems to notify customers within 24 hours if a sample collected in their home is above 15 ppb. Water systems will also be required to conduct regular outreach to homeowners with LSLs.

**Better protecting children in schools and child care facilities**
by requiring water systems to take drinking water samples from the schools and child care facilities served by the system.

**Taking Proactive Actions to Prevent Lead Exposure**
The proposed LCR maintains the current Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) of zero and the Action Level of 15 ppb. The proposed rule will require a more comprehensive response at the action level, and introduces a trigger level of 10 ppb.

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Please send your comments to EPA through the public docket, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-GW-2017-0300, at http://www.regulations.gov

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