

Service Line Inventory Requirement & Available Funding to Support Lead Service Line Replacements

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This fact sheet describes the Service Line Inventory (SLI) requirement for public water systems on tribal land in Region 9 and the available funding and in-kind services you can request to complete the required service line inventory and replace lead service lines and components.

Lead Service Line Inventories are required to be completed by October 16, 2024 by ALL Tribal CWSs and NTNCWs.

What must I do to complete a Service Line Inventory for my public water system?

The Service Line Inventory is a requirement under the Lead and Copper Rule Revision. All Community Water Systems (CWSs) and Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems (NTNCWs) need to identify the type of service lines as either: a) lead, b) non-lead, c) unknown, or d) as a galvanized line requiring replacement.

Please use U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9's inventory reporting form. The form is designed to be one of the worksheets in the comprehensive site sample plan (CSSP) document and will be added to Region 9's CSSP template. This is available through your EPA Region 9 Program Manager.

What if I have unknown service lines in my water system?

Unless the system has documentation showing otherwise, all service lines are considered unknown. You may submit an inventory form to EPA identifying unknown plumbing.

EPA can provide in-kind services to assist with record review and funding applications and to con-

duct potholing necessary to characterize service lines. You can also apply for direct grant funding to support the completion of the SLI and characterization of unknown plumbing.

How do I request assistance?

If you are interested in applying for assistance, please visit the EPA Region 9 website for proposal forms and guidance on the application process. A simplified application process is available online and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.



Lead Service Line Replacement Program Funding

The Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program provides funding for investigating and removing lead service lines for Federally Recognized Tribes within EPA Region 9 under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) programs. Region 9 anticipates receiving annual appropriations of \$18- \$26 million through 2026.

Funds are awarded through:

- Direct grants to Tribes.
- Interagency Agreements with the Indian Health Service (IHS).
- Direct in-kind EPA assistance - including assistance with record reviews for the SLI, potholing and other investigative activities and planning documents.

Eligible Project Activities

- Completing Service line inventories, including the identification of unknowns, record review, mapping and potholing.
- Planning and design for line replacement.
- Complete removal of lead service lines or service lines made of galvanized iron or steel that are currently or have previously been downstream of lead or unknown components.
- Site restoration.
- Temporary point-of-use treatment devices for lead reduction.
- Public Education.

Are there eligibility requirements to use the LSLR Program Funding

- All projects must be Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) Program eligible.
- Projects may be classified as a Service Line Inventory project or Lead Service Line Replacement project; planning, designing, and construction of lead service line replacements and other eligible service line components. Complete removal of lead service lines or service lines made of galvanized iron or steel that are currently or have previously been downstream of lead or unknown components.
- Must meet requirements of Lead and Copper Rule Revisions.

Funding Allocation

Region 9 anticipates that there will be enough funding to complete **all** Service Line Inventory projects and Lead Service Line Replacement projects for eligible water systems. The funding flowchart outlines the process of determining project eligibility.

Additional Resources



[Request for proposals and guidance](#)

[LSLR Eligibility](#)

[DWTSA Eligibility](#)

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