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The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, in coordination with the US Environmental Protection Agency, is implementing a Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCCR). The revision is significant and strengthens the previous program. The goal is to address the presence of lead in drinking water where it might exist. Customers are encouraged to go to www.epa.gov/safewater/lead to read more about the sources and health effects of lead.

The Dillsburg Area Authority water system has remained in compliance with the historic rules for lead in drinking water. The Authority is committed to applying the resources needed to undertake rigorous efforts to comply with the new LCCR. This is considered very important for our customers and the future of the water system.

The LCCR focuses on any lead components in customer water service facilities, which are the underground pipes that extend from the large diameter water main line pipes, usually located in the street, to the structure on the property. This does not include internal customer plumbing.

The first step required by the new LCCR is to complete a thorough inventory of all water service lines in the water system. As a departure from past regulatory practices, this includes the portion of the customer service line owned by the customer, which extends from the curb box at the right-of-way line to the structure. The inventory will identify service line materials, obviously focusing on determining if any lead components are present. The information will be available for use by property owners, the Authority and regulatory agencies. The inventory must be completed by October 16, 2024.

The Authority is required to use various methods to verify the materials present in the service lines. In some cases, a record search will be sufficient. In other situations, the findings of a records search will need to be verified by excavating portions of the service line to document the materials present. The number of excavation points required system-wide is expected to reach into the hundreds. It is also possible that the Authority will need to gain access to the water service line entry point inside of the structure to document the service line material at that point.

When the service line inventory information is gathered and recorded, customers will be advised of how they can access the information about their service line. Information will also be provided about any additional steps that might be required by DEP or EPA.

Thank you.

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