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Guidance and Template for Developing a Service Line Inventory

In December 2021, EPA released the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), which was an update to the Lead and Copper Rule first published in June 1991. Part of the LCRR is a requirement for all Community and Non-Transient Non-Community water systems to submit a service line inventory of all service connections. This inventory is due October 16, 2024.

EPA developed <u>Guidance for Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory</u> to support water systems with their efforts to develop inventories and to provide states with needed information for oversight and reporting to EPA.

Drinking Water Services has developed an <u>inventory template</u> intended for Community public water systems to help prepare for the new LCRR requirement. Please note that a similar inventory template will be released for Non-Transient Non-Community public water systems at a later date.

See the LCRR web page for more resources.

Free Service Line Inventory Training Offered

Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) is offering a free webinar series titled **Implementation Tools and Best Practices for Lead Service Line Inventories and Replacements.** This webinar series is open to the public and is intended for those in the water industry who are working to #gettheleadout, starting with the identification of lead service lines and the completion of EPA's lead service line inventory requirement. Webinars will be held each month on Thursdays, beginning November 10, from 10:00-11:30 p.m. PT.

For more information and to register, go here.

Certification Renewals

If you have a Tester, Specialist, Distribution, or Treatment certification and your last name begins with a letter from A through K, then it's time to renew your certification! Renewal notices will be mailed out by mid-October. **Read the instructions on page two of your renewal notice.** If you have questions, contact the program. More renewal information can be found on our website.

Distribution and Treatment

Contact: dws.opcert@dhsoha.state.or.us
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Tester and Specialist

Contact: cross.connection@dhshoa.state.or.us
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Funding News for Drinking Water Infrastructure

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684), commonly referred to as the <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)</u> was signed into law. BIL is a federally funded infrastructure package covering multiple critical infrastructure sectors throughout the U.S., including drinking water. The law provides the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with grant funds that can be appropriated to states for investments in drinking water infrastructure over the next 5 years (2022 – 2026).

BIL funding will be available to communities through the state's existing <u>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)</u>, implemented jointly by Business Oregon and OHA Drinking Water Services. BIL authorizes increases to Oregon's existing base DWSRF program and includes appropriations for Supplemental DWSRF funding for infrastructure improvements, funding for identifying and replacing lead service lines and gooseneck connectors, and funding to address emerging contaminants (e.g., PFAS or other unregulated contaminants).

A key priority of BIL is to ensure that disadvantaged communities benefit equitably from this historic investment in water infrastructure. Therefore, BIL mandates that a significant portion of funds be provided as grants or forgivable loans to disadvantaged communities.

For details and how to apply, visit Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Oregon's <u>DWSRF</u> provides low-cost loans to community and nonprofit non-community public water systems for planning, design, and construction of drinking water infrastructure improvements. In addition to low-cost financing and favorable repayment terms, all projects receive part of the loan as principal forgiveness.

Notice of Change Infrastructure Project Letters of Interest (LOI) and Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Projects (SIPP) application submission deadlines will now operate on a semi-annual basis. The NEW deadlines for review are March 15 and September 15. For details and how to apply, visit <u>Business Oregon's Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund LOI and SIPP application</u> web page.

Congratulations to Outstanding Performers!

Public water systems achieve Outstanding Performer status when they have no significant deficiencies identified and no unresolved violations, as evaluated during their routine water system surveys. Those that meet the Outstanding Performer criteria have their survey frequency reduced from every three years to every five years.

Below is a list of water systems that have met the established criteria for outstanding performance during the period of June 29, 2022, through October 10, 2022. (Some survey results from that period may still be in the data entry process, so the list may be incomplete.) Drinking Water Services congratulates the operators of these systems for jobs well done!

Go here to find out how to qualify as an Outstanding Performer.

Water System Name

BANKS WATER DEPARTMENT CITY OF MILLERSBURG

GRANTS PASS, CITY OF

INDEPENDENCE WATER SYSTEM

KEIZER, CITY OF

LAKE OSWEGO - TIGARD WATER SUPPLY

LAKESIDE WATER DISTRICT

ONTARIO, CITY OF

OR YOUTH AUTHORITY - MACLAREN

PORT OF TILLAMOOK BAY

SHANGRI-LA WATER DISTRICT

SHIELD CREST CONDOS

County Served

Washington

Linn

Josephine

Polk

Marion

Clackamas

Coos

Malheur

Marion

Tillamook

Lane

Klamath

Training Opportunities

Find information about free trainings, webinars and CEUs on the Operator Certification Training Opportunities web page at www.healthoregon.org/dwtraining.

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Contact Drinking Water Services info.drinkingwater@dhsoha.state.or.us or 971-673-0405

See the <u>Drinking Water web page</u> for updated staff phone numbers and email addresses

You can view or update your subscriptions, password or email address at any time on your <u>User Profile Page</u>. All you will need are your email address and your password (if you have selected one).

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If you have any questions about this service, <u>please visit the govDelivery user</u> <u>support website</u>.