

EPA RELEASES FINAL LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS (LCRR)

On December 22, 2020, EPA released the final Lead and Copper Rule Revisions: [Supporting Materials: Final Revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule | Ground Water and Drinking Water | US EPA](#)

The revisions represent significant changes over the 1991 LCR. Many of these changes are highlighted in a U.S. EPA reference table at: [reference guide for pwss 12.21.20.pdf \(epa.gov\)](#)

The final rule ([lcrp_prepublicationnotice_frl-10019-23-ow.final .pdf \(epa.gov\)](#)), like Illinois Law, will now require testing of drinking water at elementary schools and child care facilities. Also, service line material inventories are highlighted in the rule revision. Again, like Illinois Law, the new rule will consider the entire service line (the portion owned by the water system as well as that held privately). Further, according to the U.S. EPA, a new trigger level has been established to move the ball forward in getting the lead out of our nation's drinking water.

How this rule is implemented in Illinois will require collaboration between the U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA, Illinois DPH, water systems, and the communities that they serve. The Association will be in close contact with the Illinois EPA and DPH as Illinois water systems face the many difficult and expensive challenges that this new rule presents.

Stay tuned for future updates (and likely training opportunities) as we move forward with our state partners implementing these new Federal requirements.