

# Illinois Rural Water Association – Consumer Confidence Report and Public Notification Update

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# Outline

- **Accessing Drinking Water Watch (DWW) to generate your CCR**
- **Special statements to add to CCR**
- **New requirements in the CCR**
- **Using DWW to evaluate violations**
- **Public Notification**
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  - **Lead and Copper PNs**
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# Drinking Water Watch



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## Public Water Supply Systems Search Parameters

Water System No.	<input type="text"/>
Water System Name	<input type="text"/>
Principal County Served	<input type="text" value="All"/>
Water System Type	<input type="text" value="All"/>
Primary Source Water Type	<input type="text" value="All"/>
Point of Contact Type	<input type="text" value="None"/>

## Sample Search Parameters

Sample Class	<input type="text" value="Click to select a value..."/>
Sample Collection Date Range (The Sample Search always produces results for the last 2 years, unless you provide a specific date range.)	<input type="text" value="8/28/2022"/> <input type="text" value="8/28/2024"/>

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# **Consumer Confidence Report**

**Each year the IEPA sends out a packet that has a notification of any changes to the report requirements, CCR Certification Form, and method of delivery instructions.**

**For the report that you issued in 2025, covering calendar year 2024, there were multiple changes due to both the Lead and Copper Rule and the monitoring of Unregulated Contaminants (UCMR) as required by USEPA.**

**The next slides will highlight some of the instances where the water system must add additional information to the IEPA generated report.**

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## Revised Total Coliform Rule

- If your system was required to conduct a Level 1 or Level 2 assessment for the RTCR, there is additional language that must be added to the CCR. An attachment with the required language was provided with the assessment request.

## Nitrate Detections at levels between 5 mg/L - 10 mg/L

*"Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider."*

## Arsenic detections at levels between 5 ug/L - 10 ug/L

*"While your drinking water meets USEPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. USEPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. USEPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a naturally-occurring mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems."*

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## UCMR 5 Detections

- PWS that are subject to UCMR 5 monitoring are also subject to the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Rule.
- If your PWS had detected unregulated contaminants at or above the UCMR5 minimum reporting level, up to 5 years back, you are required to include in your CCR a table listing any contaminants with detections, the reporting level average, and range of detections. If all measurements were below the reporting level, a table is not required. This is in addition to the required public notification.
- You must add the following statement prior to the table:

*A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for these contaminants has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language been set. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.*

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## Purchased Water

- If your supply purchases water from another source, you are required to include the entry point detections from the source water supply. You DO not need to include the source water systems' distribution monitoring or violations. The data comes from the SOURCE of water, not necessarily who you purchase from.
- If you purchase from multiple sources, you will need the entry point data for all sources.

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**For PWS with PFAS detections, include the following statement:**

*In 2021, our PWS was sampled as part of the State of Illinois PFAS Statewide Investigation. Results from this sampling indicated PFAS were detected in our drinking water {above the health advisory level/below the health advisory level} established by Illinois EPA. Follow up monitoring is being conducted. For more information about PFAS health advisories please visit the following link <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/pfas/pfas-healthadvisory.html>.*

**Include the results of any follow up monitoring in a table format.**

**Suggested Language for Vulnerability Waiver (if applicable)**

*Due to favorable monitoring history, aquifer characteristics, and inventory of potential sources of contamination, our water supply was issued a vulnerability waiver renewal. No monitoring for VOCs and SOCs is required between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025.*

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## New requirements due to the new Lead and Copper Regulation (LCRR)

If your water system received a violation relating to one or more of the following actions in 2025, the CCR must include the applicable language for lead, copper, or both. Additionally, you if you have OCCT installed you need to add language.

- Corrosion Control Requirements
- Corrosion Control Treatment
- Source Water Treatment
- Lead Service Line Inventory
- Lead Service Line Replacement Plan

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## CCRs must include an explanation of corrosion control efforts for your system if a violation was issued for OCCT. Below is an example

Corrosion Control Efforts: Treatment (including pH adjustment, alkalinity adjustment, or corrosion inhibitor addition) or other efforts contributing to the control of the corrosivity of water, e.g., and monitoring to assess the corrosivity of water are being implemented at our system.

## Include the following statement for a Lead Action Level Exceedance, or for violations related to service line inventory or replacement plan:

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

## Include the following statement following a Copper Action Level Exceedance:

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

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**There was additional information required for the revised lead and copper regulation.**

**The CCR must notify customers that the most recent lead tap sampling results are available for review and include instructions on how to access them. This includes providing the range of individual sample results for both lead and copper.**

**The report must state that the supplier has inventoried its service lines (including if only a statement that the supplier serves no lead service lines) and how to obtain or access the completed material inventory.**

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If your system has a detectable 90% value for lead or copper, the IEPA report will generate the required language with blanks. You must add the range of individual sample results and methods to obtain sample data and the distribution material inventory.

## Lead and Copper

### Definitions:

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Copper Range: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Range: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: Our Community Water Supply has/has not developed a service line material inventory.

To obtain a copy of the system's service line inventory: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2024	1.3	1.3	1.1	1	ppm	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Errosion of natural deposits.
Lead	2024	0	15	8.1	2	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Errosion of natural deposits.

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IF YOUR 90% VALUE IS ZERO OR NO DETECT FOR BOTH LEAD AND COPPER, THIS INFORMATION **WILL NOT** AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED FOR YOU AND MUST BE MANUALLY ADDED.

Copper Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Range: \_\_\_\_\_

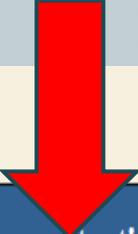
To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data: Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Our Community Water Supply has developed a service line material inventory. To obtain a copy of the system's service line inventory: Contact \_\_\_\_\_

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All systems should add the ranges by using the paper copies of your results or you can use DWW, just make sure to use the correct concentration level and include the unit of measurement

are not included.



Analyte Code	Analyte Name	Method Code	Less than Indicator	Level Type	Reporting Level	Concentration level	Monitoring Period Begin Date	Monitoring Period End Date
1022	COPPER, FREE	200.8			0	83 UG/L	01-01-2025	06-30-2025
1030	LEAD	200.8	Y	MRL	1 UG/L		01-01-2025	06-30-2025

Analyte Code	Analyte Name	Method Code	Less than Indicator	Level Type	Reporting Level	Concentration level	Monitoring Period Begin Date	Monitoring Period End Date
1022	COPPER, FREE	200.8			0	1800 UG/L	01-01-2024	12-31-2024
1030	LEAD	200.8			0	1.2 UG/L	01-01-2024	12-31-2024

# Consumer Confidence Report

- The lead educational statement was updated. It replaces the previous lead educational statement. This statement is included in the 2026 Drinking Water Watch CCR template and requires you to add a contact name and phone number for information on how your customers can get their water tested for lead.
- If you use a CCR template other than the one generated by IEPA, you will need to update the lead statement in your report.

# Consumer Confidence Report

## Drinking Water Violations

- Water systems that had drinking water MCL or monitoring violations are required to deliver the CCR via Method A (direct delivery or electronic direct delivery).
- If your water system had any violations during the CCR Calendar year, you are required to add the corrective action taken by the water system for all items on the violation summary table. Please note that in lieu of a corrective actions statement, you may include a copy of the public notice (if applicable) associated to the violation listed in the table.
- If your water system is going to use the CCR to deliver a Public Notification (PN), you should include the public notice as an additional page of the CCR and return a copy of the CCR, Public Notice, and Public Notice Certification Form. This is in addition to the CCR certification form and delivery documents required by the CCR Rule.

**NOTE:** The CCR delivery must meet the timing requirements of the PN

# OUR SYSTEM RECEIVED A VIOLATION, NOW WHAT?

- If your system receives a letter titled “Public Notice Requirement Letter” that means your system has received a violation that requires action by the system. You will also receive a Non-Compliance Advisory (NCA) for monitoring and reporting violations. If it is a treatment technique or MCL violation you will also receive a Section 31 formal Violation Notice.
- The 1st step is to look at the 2nd page of the letter to determine what the violation is for or refer to the NCA; you need to know this to determine when the PN must be sent to your customers.
  - The Tier Type tells you the timing for the notice.
  - Is the violation for Monitoring, Tier 3
  - Is the violation for an MCL exceedance, Tier 2
  - Is the violation for a Treatment Technique, Tier 2
  - Is the violation for a Tier 1 violation, you would have received a phone call from IEPA
- On the Illinois EPA website you can find the instructions for delivery and templates <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/forms/water-forms/violation-templates.html>

# OUR SYSTEM RECEIVED A VIOLATION, NOW WHAT?

You can check Drinking Water Watch to see if the public notice for the violations on the CCR are still outstanding.



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Public Water Supply Systems Search Parameters

Water System No.

Water System Name

Principal County Served

Water System Type

Primary Source Water Type

Point of Contact Type

Sample Search Parameters

Sample Class

Sample Collection Date Range  
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## Water System Details

**Water System No. :** IL1990550      **Federal Type :** C  
**Water System Name :** MARION      **State Type :** C  
**Principal County Served :** WILLIAMSON      **Primary Source :** SWP  
**Status :** A      **Activity Date :** 01-01-1904

## Points of Contact

Name	Job Title	Type	Phone	Address	Email
SMITH, TYLER	SA	SA	618-993-5533	611 N. MADISON, MARION, IL-62959	Not Available
CLARIDA, H. GLENN	MUNIC.PLANNER&PW	AC	618-997-6281	1102 Tower Square, MARION, IL-62959	<a href="mailto:gclarida@cityofmarionil.gov">gclarida@cityofmarionil.gov</a>
HOGUE, CLIFFORD W. JR.	WATER FIELD SUPERVIS	OC	618-993-5533	1102 TOWER SQUARE PLAZA, MARION, IL-62959	<a href="mailto:WATERMTN@CITYOFMARIONIL.GOV">WATERMTN@CITYOFMARIONIL.GOV</a>

## Annual Operating Periods & Population Served

Start Month	Start Day	End Month	End Day	Population Type	Population Served
1	1	12	31	R	17428

## Service Connections

Type	Count	Meter Type	Meter Size Measure
RS	9812	ME	0

## Sources of Water

Name	Type Code	Status
CC01 - EMERG. CONNECTION TO HERRIN	CC	A

## Service Areas

Code	Name
R	MUNICIPALITY

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On the violation page you can click on the blue underlined number, and it will take you deeper into the violation

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### Violations

Water System No. :	IL0550050	Federal Type :	C
Water System Name :	BENTON	State Type :	C
Principal County Served :	FRANKLIN	Primary Source :	SWP
Status :	A	Activity Date :	06-01-1911

**\*\*Please note:** some of these violations may have been resolved and/or returned to compliance. Please click on the violation to view more information on its compliance status.

### Group Violations

Violation No.	Status	Violation Type	Violation Name	Analyte Group Code	Analyte Group Name	Water System Facility State Asgn ID	Water System Facility Name
<a href="#">2026-56390</a>	V	27	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	<a href="#">V</a>	STAGE2 DBPR SUPART V	DISTRIBUTION	BENTON
<a href="#">2025-56313</a>	V	27	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	<a href="#">V</a>	STAGE2 DBPR SUPART V	DISTRIBUTION	BENTON
<a href="#">2025-56281</a>	V	27	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	<a href="#">V</a>	STAGE2 DBPR SUPART V	DISTRIBUTION	BENTON
<a href="#">2025-56220</a>	V	27	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	<a href="#">V</a>	STAGE2 DBPR SUPART V	DISTRIBUTION	BENTON
<a href="#">2024-56016</a>	V	27	MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	<a href="#">V</a>	STAGE2 DBPR SUPART V	DISTRIBUTION	BENTON

Total Number of Records Fetched = 5

### Individual Violations

Violation No.	Status	Violation Type	Violation Name	Analyte Code	Analyte Name	Water System Facility State Asgn ID	Water System Facility Name
<a href="#">2025-1298136</a>	V	75	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	7500	PUBLIC NOTICE	null	null
<a href="#">2025-1298135</a>	V	71	CCR REPORT	7000	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	null	null
<a href="#">2025-1298134</a>	V	52	FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	5000	LEAD & COPPER RULE	DISTRIBUTION	BENTON
<a href="#">2025-1298129</a>	V	2E	LSL INVENTORY-INITIAL	5200	LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS	null	null
<a href="#">2025-1298131</a>	V	4H	NOTIFICATION, KNOWN OR POTENTIAL LSL	5200	LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS	null	null
<a href="#">2025-1298130</a>	V	4G	LSL REPORTING-INITIAL	5200	LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS	null	null
<a href="#">2025-1298126</a>	V	75	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	7500	PUBLIC NOTICE	null	null
<a href="#">2025-1298123</a>	V	75	PUBLIC NOTICE RULE LINKED TO VIOLATION	7500	PUBLIC NOTICE	null	null
<a href="#">2025-1298122</a>	V	52	FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	5000	LEAD & COPPER RULE	DISTRIBUTION	BENTON
<a href="#">2024-1298131</a>	V	71	CCR REPORT	7000	CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RULE	"	"

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## Violation Detail

Water System No. :	IL0550050	Federal Type :	C
Water System Name :	BENTON	State Type :	C
Principal County Served :	FRANKLIN	Primary Source :	SWP
Status :	A	Activity Date :	06-01-1911

Violation No. : 2026-56390      **Determination Date :** 10-14-2025

Violation Type : 27      Violation Name : MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR

Violation Category : MON      Status : V

Analyte Code : V      Analyte Name : STAGE2 DBPR SUPART V

Compliance Period Begin Date : 07-01-2025      Compliance Period End Date : 09-30-2025

Violation Period Begin Date : 07-01-2025      Violation Period End Date : 09-30-2025

Water System Facility State Asgn ID : DISTRIBUTION      Water System Facility Name : BENTON

Analysis Result :

## Enforcement Action(s)

Enforcement Action No.	Action Type	Name	Status	Date
2026-840764	SIA	ST VIOLATION/REMINDER NOTICE	T	10-14-2025
2026-840765	<b>SIE</b>	<b>ST PUBLIC NOTIF REQUESTED</b>	T	10-14-2025

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## Violation Detail

<b>Water System No. :</b>	IL0510200	<b>Federal Type :</b>	C
<b>Water System Name :</b>	RAMSEY	<b>State Type :</b>	C
<b>Principal County Served :</b>	FAYETTE	<b>Primary Source :</b>	GWP
<b>Status :</b>	A	<b>Activity Date :</b>	01-01-1935

**Violation No. :** 2024-7092696      **Determination Date :** 04-18-2024  
**Violation Type :** 3A      **Violation Name :** MONITORING, ROUTINE, MAJOR (RTCR)  
**Violation Category :** MON      **Status :** V  
**Analyte Code :** 3014      **Analyte Name :** E. COLI  
**Compliance Period Begin Date :** 03-01-2024      **Compliance Period End Date :** 03-31-2024  
**Violation Period Begin Date :** 03-01-2024      **Violation Period End Date :** 03-31-2024  
**Water System Facility State Asgn ID :** null      **Water System Facility Name :** null  
**Analysis Result :**

## Enforcement Action(s)

Enforcement Action No.	Action Type	Name	Status	Date
2024-7516728	SIF	ST PUBLIC NOTIF RECEIVED	T	06-10-2024
2024-7516726	SOX	ST COMPLIANCE ACHIEVED	T	05-01-2024
2024-7516722	SIA	ST VIOLATION/REMINDER NOTICE	T	04-18-2024
2024-7516723	SIE	ST PUBLIC NOTIF REQUESTED	T	04-18-2024

# TIER 3 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Most monitoring violations are included in Tier 3, you must provide public notice to persons served **within one year** after you learn of the violation. Multiple monitoring/reporting violations can be serious.

Community systems must use one of the following methods: Hand or direct delivery mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill, or you can include the notice as an additional page of the CCR. The CCR can be used even if you issue the CCR electronically.

In addition, public water supplies must use another method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method. Such methods could include newspapers (newspaper notices are not allowed as a primary means of notification; unless it is direct mail or hand delivered to each bill-paying unit), e-mail, or delivery to community organizations. If you post the notice, it must remain posted until the violation is resolved. If the violation has already been resolved, you must post the notice for at least one week.

# TIER 2 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

If your violation is a Tier 2 violation, you must provide public notice to persons served as soon as practical but **within 30 days** after you learn of the violation (date on the PN requirement letter, if you can't find the letter look at DWW). Persistent maximum contaminant level exceedances can be serious. You must issue a repeat notice every three months for as long as the violation persists.

Community systems must use one of the following methods: Hand or direct delivery Mail, as a separate notice or included with the bill In addition, public water supplies must use another method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method. Such methods could include newspapers (newspaper notices are not allowed as a primary means of notification; unless it is direct mail or hand delivered to each bill-paying unit), e-mail, or delivery to community organizations.

# TIER 2 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

## IEPA recently approved electronic distribution of a Tier 2 PN.

This means that a water system can put a link on a water bill, postcard mailing or newsletter directing the customers to the PN on a website. It must meet the 30-day requirement from the date of the violation.

It would require language similar to what you use for electronic CCR delivery. It must notify the customers of the violation and a method to request a paper copy of the PN.

An example might be:

Important information about a recent violation at our water system is available at <https://www.ilrwa.org/PN/Edinburg.pdf>, for a paper copy of the notice call xxx-xxx-xxxx.”

The system must still use another method reasonably calculated to reach others if they would not be reached by the first method.

# Tier 1 Public Notice

## Nitrate/Nitrite MCL, E. Coli/Fecal Positive, Turbidity, Lead Action Level

**Within 24 hours** - As soon as practical but within 24 hours of learning of a violation or situation, you must:

➤ Issue a public notice.

A CWS is required to use, at a minimum, one or more of the following methods (intent is to **immediately** reach each all customers):

-Appropriate broadcast media (radio or television)

-Posting and/or Hand Delivery

-Another delivery method approved in writing by the Illinois EPA

➤ Initiate consultation with the Illinois EPA Regional Field Operations Staff within 24 hours (Weekends--Illinois EPA Emergency Response Unit 800/782-7860).

The consultation with the Illinois EPA is independent of the public notice itself. You must issue the notice within 24 hours, even if you are unable to contact anyone at the Illinois EPA. You may be directed to issue repeat notices for continuing violations or situations, “problem corrected” notices, or, if the initial notice does not meet the requirements, another notice. You must also notify new billing customers of ongoing violations or situations for which you’ve previously provided notice.

**REPEAT notices** are only required as directed by the Illinois EPA

# PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Once the public notification has been issued to your customers, you have **10 days** to submit a copy of the PN and the PN certification form that came with the Public Notice Requirement letter.

These documents can be scanned and emailed to the Illinois EPA. In fact, this is the best way to submit documents because you will have proof of submittal.

[EPA.PWSCompliance@illinois.gov](mailto:EPA.PWSCompliance@illinois.gov)

# LEAD INVENTORY NOTIFICATIONS

If you have not received a letter from IEPA approving your submitted distribution material inventory, you must submit an updated inventory **annually by April 15<sup>th</sup>**. This must be done until all lead/GRR lines are replaced, and any unknown lines are classified.

If your current inventory has service line classifications of LEAD, GALVANIZED REQUIRING REPLACEMENT (GRR), OR UNKNOWN you must issue a notification to each of these service line types **annually**. You have the full calendar year to deliver these notices. Each service line classification has a different letter. Once the letters have been mailed to the customers you **MUST** certify back to the IEPA that you have completed this requirement. The templates and certification form are on IEPA website at the link below

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/drinking-water/public-water-users/lead-service-line-information.html>

# LEAD PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS FOR INVENTORY VIOLATIONS

**There is a tier 2 – 30 Day notification that is required for systems that failed to develop an acceptable distribution service line inventory.**

*We were required to develop and make publicly available an initial inventory of service lines connected to our distribution system by October 16, 2024. The inventory must identify the service line materials as lead galvanized requiring replacement (GRR)<sup>1</sup>, lead-status unknown/unknown, or nonlead. Identifying and ultimately removing lead and GRR service lines is an important way to protect public health.*

**There is a tier 3 – 1 Year reporting violation notification that is required for systems that failed to submit a distribution service line inventory.**

*We were required to develop and submit to the State an initial service line inventory that includes all service lines connected to the public water distribution system and characterize the materials of those service lines as either lead, galvanized requiring replacement, non-lead, or lead status unknown. Our system failed to submit an initial inventory of service lines to the Illinois EPA.*

# LEAD PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS FOR INVENTORY VIOLATIONS

**A system that did not submit an inventory would also need to perform the tier 2 PN. Review the templates sent with the violation letters carefully.**

## **No inventory:**

**4G violation – Tier 3 PN required**

**2E violation – Tier 2 PN required**

**These 2 can be combined into one notice following Tier 2 guidelines for delivery**

*If combining with reporting violation, include text: “Our system failed to submit this initial inventory of service lines to the Illinois EPA by October 16, 2024.”*

## **Un-approvable inventory:**

**2E violation – Tier 2 PN required**

# LEAD ACTION LEVEL NOTIFICATION

A lead action level exceedance (ALE) occurs when the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentration of lead is greater than 15 parts per billion (ppb) or 0.015 mg/L.

- You must provide public notice to persons served as soon as practical but no more than 24 hours after being notified by the Illinois EPA of the lead ALE.
- The Illinois EPA will call until they get ahold of either the AC, OC, or ROINC and provide them with the tier 1 PN and instructions via email. They should then complete the template and send it back to IEPA for approval before it gets distributed within 24 hours.
- A copy of the distributed notice must be provided to the Illinois EPA within 24 hours.
- A copy of the distributed notice must be provided to U.S. EPA, via email, to [LeadALE@epa.gov](mailto:LeadALE@epa.gov) within 24 hours.
- Certification of delivery of the public notice must be submitted to the Illinois EPA within 10 days of issuing the public notice.
- The ALE will also trigger multiple other tasks for the system; you will need to refer to the specific action level exceedance letter for your system.

# LEAD MONITORING NOTIFICATION

After conducting lead and copper monitoring you must send a lead consumer notification (LCN) to each of your customers that monitored for you.

This should be done **within 30 days** of receiving your results, unless a sample site has a lead result that is greater than the action level. If this is the case that sample site must receive the lead consumer notification **within 3 days** of receiving the results.

After sending the LCN to your customers you must send a certification to the Illinois EPA that you have completed the task. The LCN and certification can be found online at:

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/forms/water-forms/drinking-water-compliance.html>

- [Consumer Notice of Lead Tap Water Results](#)
- [Lead Consumer Informational Notice Certification Form](#)

# LEAD MONITORING IN SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES NOTIFICATIONS

There are multiple notifications that must be sent to schools and childcare facilities annually, 30 days prior to monitoring, and after monitoring. I recommend that you access the IRWAs website to review the FAQ fact sheet and the templates.

<https://www.ilrwa.org/Downloads/LeadTesting.html>

It is important to remember to send the IEPA the school and childcare certification form to the IEPA once all the required notifications and monitoring have been completed. This must be done by **JULY 1, 2026, for the monitoring completed in 2025.**

Email completed certification form to [EPA.leadandcopper@illinois.gov](mailto:EPA.leadandcopper@illinois.gov)

# UCMR5 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

If you are required to monitor under 40 CFR 141.40 for unregulated contaminants, you must provide Tier 3 public notification to persons served within one year after you receive the monitoring results.

CWSs may include this information in an annual notice or in your CCR. If you include this information in your CCR, the CCR must be issued within 12 months of receiving the monitoring results. Please note that any detected unregulated contaminant monitoring must be reported in a separate table in the system's CCR.

## Special Notice for Availability of Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Data

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

#### Availability of Monitoring Data for Unregulated Contaminants for [Water System Name]

Our water system has sampled for a series of unregulated contaminants. Unregulated contaminants are those that don't yet have a drinking water standard set by EPA. The purpose of monitoring these contaminants is to help EPA decide whether the contaminants should have a standard. As our customers, you have a right to know that these data are available. If you are interested in examining the results, please contact [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address].

This notice is being sent to you by [water system name]. State Water System [ID#](#): \_\_\_\_\_.

Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_.

# UCMR5 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

If your system had any detections for the contaminants in the UCMR5 list, you must also create a table and include it in the next CCR. If the timing is correct, you can put both the UCMR5 PN and the table in the CCR.

A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for these contaminants has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language been set. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

See the table below for sample results from the 2024 UCMR5 sampling events:

PFAS Analyte Parts per billion (ppb)	Average Level Detected 2 sample events	Range of Levels Detected
PFOA	0.00925	0.0091 – 0.0094
PFOS	0.0024	0 – 0.0048
PFBS	0.00335	0.0032- 0.0035
PFPeA	0.0095	0.009 – 0.01
PFBA	0.048	0.046 – 0.05