

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE September 22, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Lead and Copper Rule Revisions Status**

Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) is implementing various projects to meet the Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on January 15, 2021. This rule requires that public water systems develop and submit a Service Line Inventory by October 16, 2024.

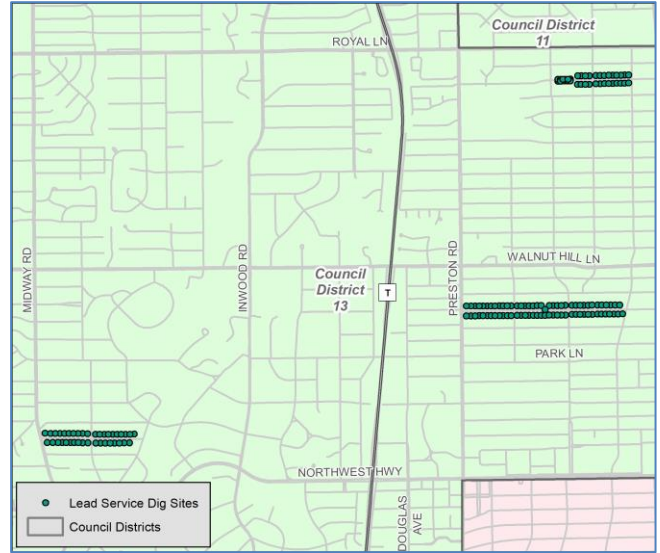
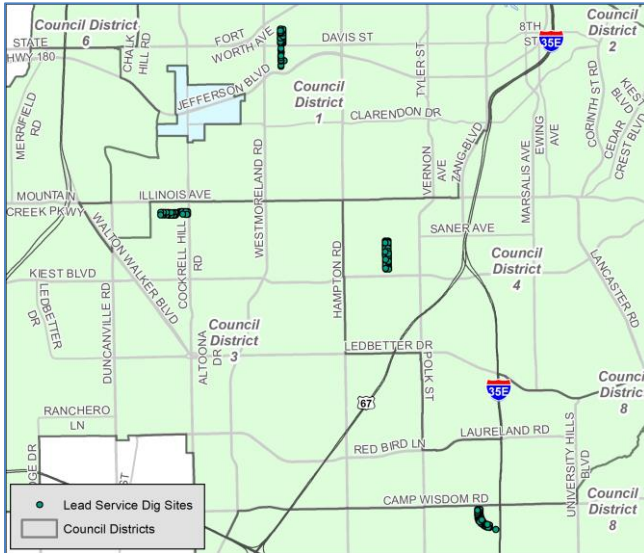
To develop the Service Line Inventory, DWU has been reviewing existing documentation such as plumbing codes, permits, historical capital improvement or master plans, distribution system maps and drawings, inspections and records of the distribution system and any other water system records that indicate the material composition of the service line connection. The inventory includes public and private service lines connected to the distribution system and categorizes the material of each service line.

DWU is also utilizing its SAP customer database of active services to build the inventory and is conducting a review of current and historical records that include service line repair cards, service line installation records and geographical information system (GIS) data to determine the material composition of the public side of the service lines. These efforts have continued to increase the number of known materials of service lines.

Additionally, DWU will need to conduct a service line field investigation. The pilot program is scheduled to begin in late October and be completed by December 2023. The pilot program will not have any service impacts to customers. DWU has contracted Criado Associates to conduct a visual assessment of service lines in 400 locations in Oak Cliff and Preston Hollow neighborhoods (see maps below) to confirm that DWU database information is correct or to collect missing data. Residents and businesses at these locations will receive notification prior to the start of the pilot program.

The LCRR also mandates that water systems conduct public education and lead monitoring at the schools and childcare facilities they serve if constructed prior to January 1, 2014. The rule requires compiling a list of all schools and childcare facilities and providing information on health risks of lead in drinking water.

DWU has compiled a list of schools and childcare facilities within its distribution system and is currently conducting investigations to determine the material composition of their service lines. All facilities investigated thus far have non-lead material service lines. DWU will continue conducting service line investigations with a focus on disadvantaged areas of the City.



As a reminder, DWU's Water Quality Division offers customers free lead testing of their water upon request by calling 311. Staff will continue to provide periodic updates on the LCRR over the next several months.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact me or Sarah Standifer, Director (I) of Dallas Water Utilities at Sarah.Standifer@dallas.gov.

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