



SC DEPARTMENT of **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Lead and Copper Rule Updates, Timelines, and Reminders

Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

Customers served by a **lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or unknown** service line must be notified annually of their service line material

- The next round of notifications must occur between July 2, 2025, and July 1, 2026
- Certifications to SCDES that these notifications have been completed are due to SCDES by July 1, 2026
- To certify, send an updated number of each service line category, a copy of whatever template(s) was sent, a list of recipients, and a signed statement certifying the recipients were sent the appropriate letter to LCR@des.sc.gov
- Please include your full water system name and 7-digit PWSID in the subject line
- Notification templates and FAQs can be found on the [SCDES website](#) under the "Useful Documents" headline along with an [EPA Notification Fact Sheet](#)

Routine monitoring tap sampling schedules, procedures, and sample site locations are not changing until 2028

A lead Action Level Exceedance requires Tier 1 Public Notice

- 24-hours to notify entire service area

Lead and Copper Rule Improvements

The compliance date is **November 1, 2027**

By that date, three things are due to SCDES:

- An updated Baseline Service Line Inventory
- A list of all schools and licensed childcare facilities served by your water system
- A Lead Service Line replacement plan

Fact sheets detailing the required elements of each can be found on [EPA's website](#)