



AWWA Public Affairs Advisory Lead Service Line Replacement

Who: U.S. EPA and Biden-Harris Administration

What: U.S. White House lead service line replacement event

When: Friday, Jan. 27

Water utilities should be prepared for potential media inquiries about lead and drinking water following an event tomorrow at the U.S. White House. Vice President Kamala Harris is expected to unveil a list of the Biden-Harris Administration's guiding principles to reduce lead exposure, including a goal of replacing all lead service lines over the next decade.

AWWA expects the event to emphasize:

- Prioritizing lead remediation efforts in underserved communities
- Promoting full lead service line (LSL) replacement, on both public and private property, without burdening underserved communities
- Promoting health-based blood lead testing, including testing in high-risk areas such as schools, childcare facilities and areas with lead service lines
- Assuring robust community engagement in LSL identification and replacement
- Exploring all available funding opportunities for LSL replacement
- Accelerating LSL replacement by sharing best practices for pipe replacement contracting
- Avoiding impacting customer cost

AWWA has resources available to help utilities communicate with media and customers about lead in pipes and plumbing, including:

Lead Resources:

- [Lead Communications Guide and Toolkit](#)
- [Lead Resource page](#), which includes a [printable brochure](#) on lead
- [Lead whiteboard animation available on YouTube](#)
- DrinkTap's [Lead in Water](#) page

Risk Communications:

- [Trending in an Instant: A Risk Communication Guide for Water Utilities](#)

Questions can be directed to Steve Via, director of federal relations, or Greg Kail, director of communications.

Notice of Tentative Decision of Intent to Reissue the Comprehensive General Permit for Discharges to Surface Water and Groundwater

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice of a tentative decision to reissue without modifications the General Permit for the Comprehensive General Permit for Discharges to Surface Water and Groundwater (General Permit).

The current General Permit expires on March 29, 2023. In order for the regulated community to maintain permit coverage, the current General Permit will be reissued without modifications for a duration not to exceed two years.

The Department is not requiring existing permittees to submit a new registration form as part of this reissuance and their coverage will remain in effective until the expiration date of this General Permit. Permittees are required to comply with all permit limits and conditions of this General Permit to ensure their discharge does not cause pollution. The Commissioner intends to issue a new General Permit with modifications prior to the expiration of this General Permit. Reissuing this General Permit without modifications for an additional two (2) years, will allow continued permit coverage for the regulated community and provide the Department adequate time to make necessary changes, if any.

The Department intends to solicit stakeholder engagement and feedback by hosting a series of public meetings during the development of the Comprehensive General Permit with modifications. The Department will publish a separate public notice on DEEP's website at least one month prior to any such meeting and intends to host the first meeting within three (3) months of the effective date of this General Permit. Persons interested in attending these meetings may sign up to receive public notice announcements by visiting DEEP's website at <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/j/19E73F2E0479003B>.

The complete notice may be downloaded [here](#).

