

TESTING FOR LEAD IN SCHOOLS

Senate Bill 0550

Public Act 00-0922 (Senate Bill 0550)- signed into Law by Governor Bruce Rauner on January 16, 2017, established lead testing requirements and protocols for all water sources used for cooking and drinking within some schools and day care facilities as well as requirements for water providers to compile a lead materials inventory and provide notification during water distribution work. A brief summary of the bill is included below:

Water Providers Responsibilities

Lead Service Line Inventory (Mandatory)

- List total number of service lines in system.
- List number of known lead service lines, including privately owned.
- List the number of lead service lines added from previous year.

Note: CWS are not required to unearth for sole purpose of identification.

- CWS shall submit inventory in either written or electronic format to IEPA by April 15, 2018 and annually by April 15th each year until all lead is removed.
- After January 1, 2018, IEPA will request information during routine audit of CWS.

OPTIONS:

- Water Providers may pay for sampling if they desire.
- Revolving Loan Fund may be used for the purposes of SB 550.
- Municipal water utilities may raise rates by ordinance to cover costs associated with this bill (testing, notification, developing lead service line inventory).
- Private water utilities can recoup costs associated with this bill (testing, notification, developing lead service line inventory).





Caution!!!

Additional Requirements

Mandatory Notification Requirements!

- *Must provide written notification 14 days prior to any planned work in areas of known or suspected lead service lines to all affected residences.*
- *If work is on emergency basis, notification shall be as soon as possible prior to work.*
- *Must notify affected resident when repairing or replacing a water meter at time work is initiated.*

Notification Exceptions:

- *CWS may apply to IEPA for a waiver if they do not have any lead in their system.*
- *CWS may apply to IEPA for a partial system waiver for areas of their community where there is known to be no lead service lines.*

Required Notification Information:

- *Warning work may result in sediment possibly containing lead in residence water supply.*
- *Information concerning best practices for mitigating risk to consuming water containing lead (i.e. flushing water for 5 minutes (time depends on length of service line) and cleaning screens on aerators).*
- *Information regarding the hazards of lead in drinking water.*
- *If significant (>10%) of population is non-English speaking must contain information in appropriate language and contain phone number or address on how to obtain a translated copy of warning.*
- *If disruption is a community wide event, notification can be made by local media, social media or other method.*
- *For multi-dwelling complexes, written notification shall be posted at primary entrance.*

ISAWWA strongly encourages utilities to reach out to their schools and school districts to provide as much technical assistance as possible to assist in the proper implementation of SB550