

Failure to Meet Deadline for Completion of Lead Service Line Inventory

In an effort to identify and ultimately remove water service lines that could be harmful to the health of customers, the Village of Fall River Waterworks was required by the US Environmental Protection Agency 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, lead-status unknown/unknown, or non-lead.

The Village submitted an initial inventory to the Wisconsin DNR on September 26, 2024— well in advance of the required deadline. The Inventory was made public on the Village's website on or about that same date. After review, the WDNR identified approximately 40 data points out of more than 5500 required entries that were omitted. Village staff worked diligently with WDNR representatives to promptly address the changes needed. A final revision was submitted on December 12, 2024, and deemed complete by WDNR. ***It should be noted that the Village has no known or suspected lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service lines within its service area.*** However, since the Inventory was not finalized until after the October 16 deadline, US EPA has found the Village to be in violation requiring public notification. The Federal Public Notice Rule contains 10 required elements [[40 CFR 141.205](#)] incorporated into this notification:

1. Description of the Violation or Situation, including the contaminant of concern (e.g., lead)

See above for details of the violation. Routine lead and copper sampling of the Village's water system over past decades has indicated no concerning levels of contaminants, confirming that there are no contaminants of concern.

2. When the Violation or Situation Occurred

See above description for timeline.

3. Any Potential Adverse Health Effects from the Violation or Situation

Final completion of the Lead Service Line Inventory after the deadline did not pose any adverse health effects to the community.

4. The Population at Risk, including subpopulations particularly vulnerable if exposed to the contaminant in their drinking water.

No contaminants were found in the drinking water; therefore, no portions of the population are at risk due to this violation.

5. Whether Alternative Water Supplies Should be Used

The delayed reporting deadline had no effect on water quality or safety; therefore, alternative water supplies are not needed.

6. What Actions Consumers Should Take, including when they should seek medical help if known

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED OF THE CONSUMER, AND THERE IS NO NEED TO SEEK MEDICAL HELP DUE TO THIS MISSED DEADLINE. *The Village has no known or suspected lead, galvanized requiring replacement, or lead status unknown service lines within its service area.*

7. What You Are Doing to Correct the Violation or Situation

Please see above. Village staff worked cooperatively with WDNR representatives to address all omitted information in as timely a manner as possible.

8. When You Expect to Return to Compliance or Resolve the Situation

The Village was in compliance with US EPA requirements as of December 12, 2024.

9. Your Name, Business Address, and Phone Number, of the Water System owner, operator, or designee of the public water system as a source of additional information concerning the notice.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact the Fall River Village Hall located at 641 S. Main St. at (920) 484-3525 (clerk@fallriver.wi.gov), Public Works Director Julius Weisensel at (920) 484-3525 (jweisensel@fallriverwi.com), or Village President Jeff Slotten at (920) 210-1011 (jsloten@fallriverwi.com).

10. A Statement Encouraging Notice Recipients to Distribute the Notice to Other- Persons Served, using the standard language in 141.205(d)(3), where applicable.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Language required by US EPA for this notice:

**Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.*

**For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> or contact your health care provider.*

It is the top priority of the Fall River Public Works Department to provide clean, safe drinking water for our community. If an actual event had occurred that posed a risk to water customers, please be assured that immediate corrective actions would be taken and affected customers would be notified promptly of any action required to maintain health and safety.

This notice is being sent to you by FALL RIVER WATERWORKS. Public Water System ID#: 11100980.

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