



# **PUBLIC WORKSHOP: CHAPTERS 62-550, 62-555 AND 62-560, F.A.C. LEAD AND COPPER RULE IMPROVEMENTS**

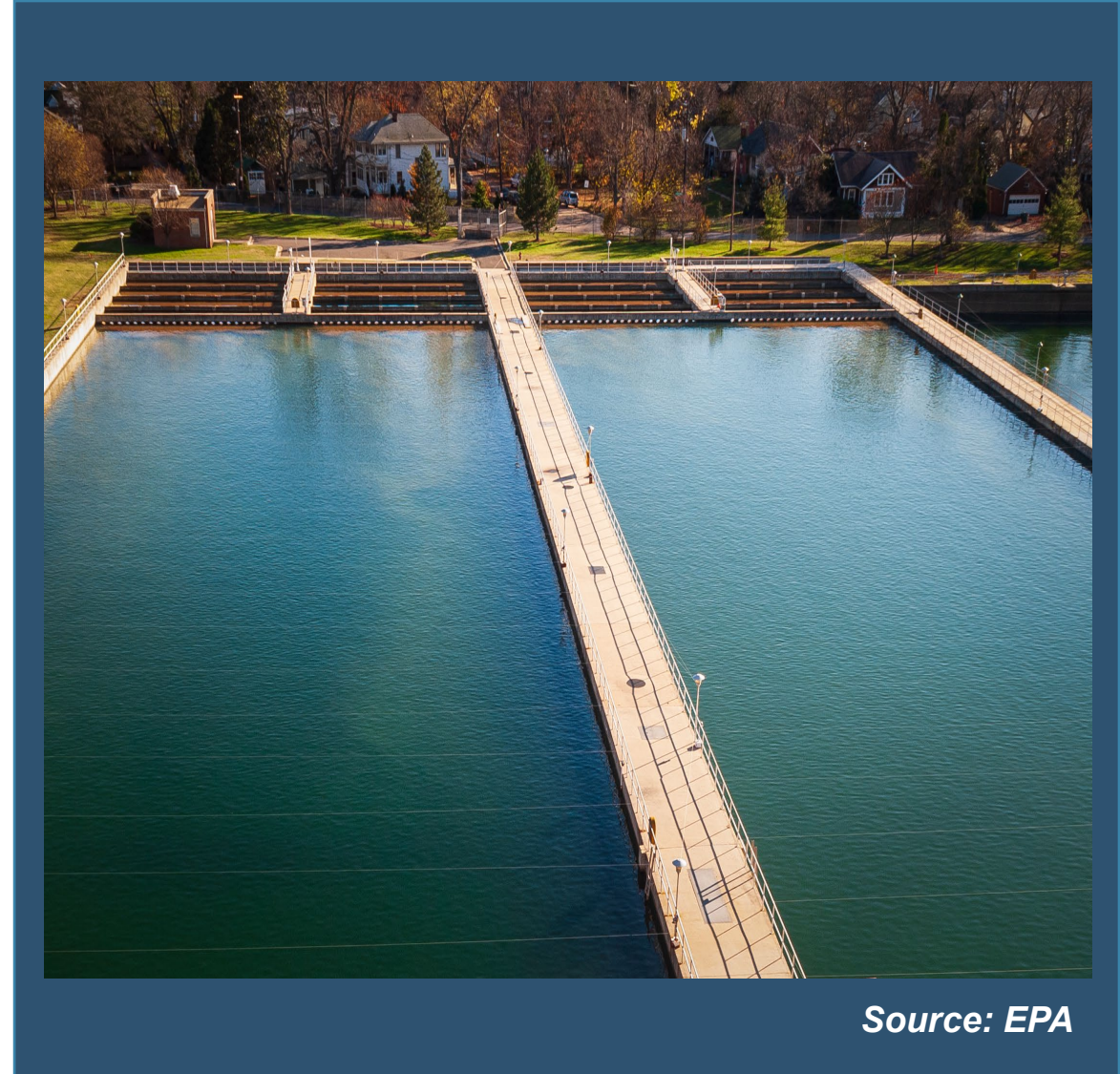
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# LEAD AND COPPER RULE IMPROVEMENTS

## BACKGROUND

- On Oct. 16, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the final Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI), which build on the original Lead and Copper Rule and the 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR).
- The LCRI:
  - Requires more rigorous testing of drinking water and a lower threshold requiring public water systems (PWS) to take action to protect people from lead exposure in water.
  - Changes how PWS communicate on the risk of lead in drinking water, the location of lead pipes and plans for replacing them.



Source: EPA



# LEAD AND COPPER RULE IMPROVEMENTS (2)

## OVERVIEW



- On April 9, 2026, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and EPA entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to provide DEP additional time until **Oct. 30, 2026**, to seek primacy over the requirements for the LCRR and LCRI.
- The purpose of this rulemaking effort is to adopt and incorporate these federal regulations as required by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
- To accomplish this, DEP is proposing amendments to Chapters 62-550, 62-555, and 62-560, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).



# AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 62-550, F.A.C.

- Rule 62-550.200, F.A.C.
  - Revises the definition of the lead action level from 15 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb.
- Rule 62-550.730, F.A.C.
  - Removes the listing of reporting requirements.
  - Requires use of a new sampling form in Rule 62-555.900, F.A.C., to standardize sample reporting.
- Rule 62-550.828, F.A.C.
  - Updates Table 1 to reflect the new lead Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/L).



Source: EPA



# AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 62-550, F.A.C. (2)

- Rule 62-550.800, F.A.C.
  - Requires formation of a baseline inventory (including connectors).
  - Requires a revised sample site tiering system.
  - Requires formation of lead service line (LSL) replacement plans.
  - Reduces the lead action level from 15 ppb to 10 ppb.
  - Updates the “lead free” value for pipes and fittings to 0.25%.
  - Requires monitoring of lead in schools and childcare facilities.
  - Adds first and fifth liter sampling requirements for tier 1 and 2 sites.
  - Updates annual notification language for known or potential LSLs.
  - Requires provision of lead filters and cartridges by the system to customers for six months following replacement of LSL.
  - Requires that PWS must provide no cost tap sampling to residential customers served by a LSL, unknown or galvanized line.



# AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 62-555, F.A.C.

- Rule 62-555.322, F.A.C.
  - Defines “lead free” pipes and pipe fittings as being no more than 0.25% lead.
- Rule 62-555.335, F.A.C.
  - Incorporates the most recent versions of EPA guidance documents and reference materials.
- Rule 62-555.401, F.A.C.
  - Reflects changes to reference materials in Rule 62-555.335, F.A.C.





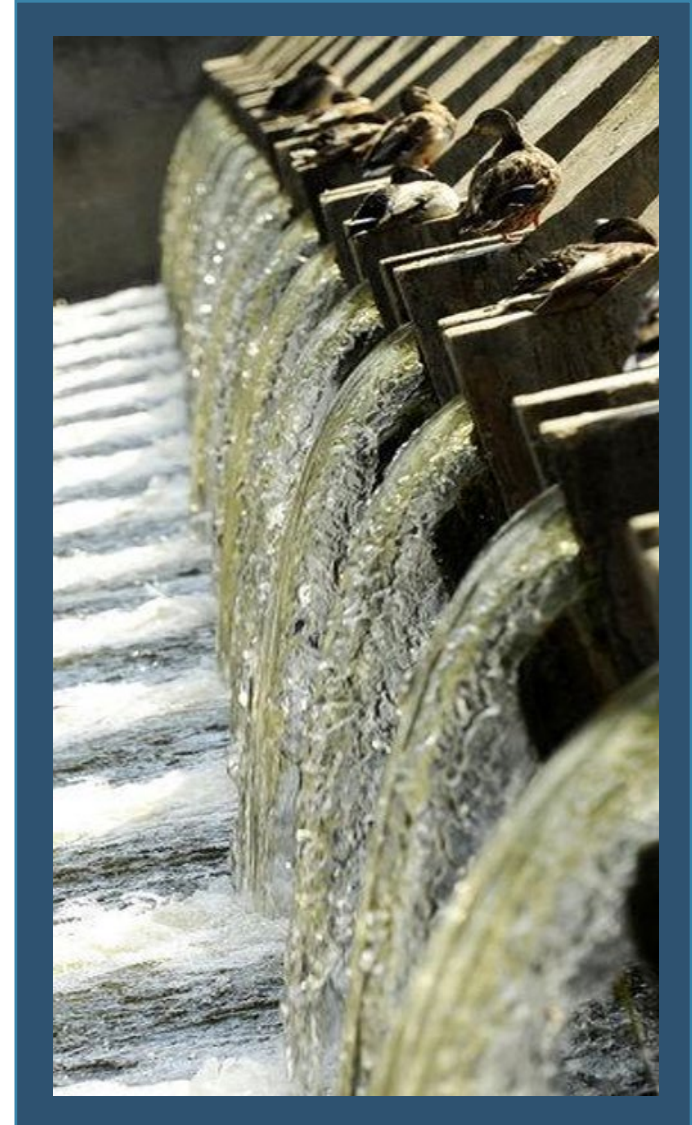
# AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 62-555, F.A.C.

- Rule 62-555.900, F.A.C.
  - Form 62-555.900(12), “PWS Sampling Plan for Lead and Copper Tap Samples and Water Quality Parameters.”
    - References the current version of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).
    - Updates definitions for tiers to those in the LCRI, including the additional fifth tier.
  - Form 62-555.900(16), “PWS Certification of Notification of Lead and Copper Tap Sample Results.”
    - References the current version of the CFR.
  - Form 62-555.900(17), “Lead Public Education Program Report for PWSs.”
    - References the current version of the CFR.



# AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 62-555, F.A.C. (2)

- “PWS Lead and Copper Tap Sampling Form.” **\*NEW\***
  - Standardizes the lab reporting format for lead and copper tap sampling.
  - Includes a table for collecting the first- and fifth-liter sampling at Tier 1 and 2 sites, as defined in the LCRI.
- “PWS Water Quality Parameters (WQP) Sampling Form.” **\*NEW\***
  - Standardizes the lab reporting format for WQPs.
- “PWS Certification of Notification of Known or Potential Lead Service Lines.” **\*NEW\***
  - Confirms consumer notification when necessary.
  - Will be used in conjunction with the LCRI baseline inventory, and with each annual update thereafter.





# CHAPTER 62-560, F.A.C.

- Rule 62-560.620, F.A.C.
  - Removes the exemption from LSL replacement, as the LCRI does not permit exemption.





# PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS



- Additional public comments will be accepted until 5 pm today (**Wednesday, July 8, 2026**).
- Please direct all comments and questions to:

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# THANK YOU

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