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DWS Circular Letter #2023-21

To: Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems
Certified Operators
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From: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section

Date: June 29, 2023

Subject: Lead and Copper Rule and Revised Total Coliform Rule Sampling Point Requirements

The Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section (DWS) is providing all Community and Non-Transient Non-Community public water systems with this reminder concerning sampling requirements for the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) and the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR).

Pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) §§19-13-B102(e)(7)(D), 19-13-B102(x)(3), and 19-13-B102(e)(8)(A), all water systems must identify exact sampling points for RTCR and LCR monitoring requirements, and the samples submitted to the DWS must be taken from these exact location points.

In addition, pursuant to RCSA § 19-13-B102(h)(4), sampling point reports must be submitted in a form and manner prescribed by the DWS, whereby the DWS requires the report to contain the following information:

- a) Exact sample location in the distribution system; and
- b) Approved unique Sampling Point ID assigned to the sampling location.

The exact sample location is the description of the exact or specific location where the sample was collected. For water systems that have multiple service connections or serve multiple residence buildings, a description of the exact sample location is commonly the address of where the sample was collected (e.g., 72 Webster Street, 1020 Tolland Pkwy, 2 Main St – Hamden, 2 Main St – Windsor). For water systems that are located at, and/or serves, a single address, more specific information should be used to describe the sample location, such as a specific apartment number (e.g., Apt 9B, Ste 700) or room within a building (e.g., Boys Bathroom, Nurse Office, School Kitchen Sink).



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The approved unique Sampling Point ID is the ID that the water system selected to assign to a respective sample location (e.g., D01, BB1, Kit2, ABC1234, NO7, SKS1), and indicated on the water system's sampling point inventory form that was accepted by the DWS.

Using the word "Distribution" and the number "4" to describe the sample location and ID, respectively, is unacceptable, and does not meet the regulatory requirements. **If the description of your lead and copper and total coliform/E. coli distribution system sample location and/or ID only says "Distribution" and/or "4" respectively, the sample result submitted will not be used for compliance, and a monitoring and reporting violation will be issued to the water system.**

An inventory of sampling locations for each water system can be found on the Water Quality Monitoring Schedules that are posted on the DWS website at the following link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Water-Quality-Monitoring-Schedules>. If any sampling location does not have the proper sampling location description and sampling point ID, please submit an updated sampling point inventory form to DWDCCompliance@ct.gov by **July 31, 2023**, for review and approval. Please do not submit the sample results for the updated sampling sites until you receive an approval for the updated sampling sites from this Department. An updated sampling site will only become available for electronic data submission when it is approved. Please review the Instructions page of the sampling point inventory form for guidance on updating the sampling site plan and properly describing the sample locations and the Sampling Point IDs in their respective fields. The sampling point inventory form can be found in the DWS website at the following link: https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Forms-and-Applications#Sampling_Site_Plan.

If you have any questions regarding these sampling location and reporting requirements, please see [Circular Letter #2020-83](#) for further details, or contact Isaac Quansah of my staff at 860-936-1186 or at Isaac.Quansah@ct.gov.

c: Lisa Morrissey, Deputy Commissioner, DPH