

**CALCULATING LEAD AND COPPER 90<sup>th</sup> PERCENTILE VALUES (141.90(c)(3))**

- A 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is calculated separately for lead and copper.
- All valid sample results taken during the monitoring period must be included in 90<sup>th</sup> percentile calculations unless a result has been invalidated.
- If a sample is invalidated, its replacement sample must be included in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile calculation, unless it is collected more than 20 days after the primary agency invalidates the sample or the sample was collected outside the monitoring period (the level is later).
- Late samples (regular or replacement samples) cannot be included in the calculation.
- The procedure for determining the lead 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value is as follows:

**If you are required to collect more than five samples**

- Place lead results in ascending order (from lowest to highest value).
- Assign each sample a number, 1, for lowest value.
- Multiply the total number of samples by 0.9.
- The outcome of multiplication is a whole number, the sample result with the same number is the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value.

**- If the outcome of multiplication is not a whole number, use either rounding or interpolation to determine the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value as follows:**

- Rounding: EPA's policy is to:
  - Round down to the nearest whole number if the decimal is 0.4 or lower.
  - Round up to the nearest whole number if the decimal is 0.5 or higher.
- Interpolation: To determine the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level, using interpolation, you would:
  - Subtract the difference of the two samples between which your 90<sup>th</sup> percentile falls.
  - Subtract the difference between the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile ranking and the lower of the two sample rankings between which the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level falls.
  - Multiply the difference from Step 2 by the value from Step 1.
  - Add the product of Step 3 to the lower of the two sample results.

**Step 4: Compare the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level to the action level of 0.015 mg/L (can also be expressed as 15 parts per billion (ppb)). If your 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value is higher than 0.015 mg/L, you have an exceedance.**

**Repeat the above procedure for copper sample results, except compare the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile copper level against its action level of 1.3 mg/L. If your 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level is greater than 1.3 mg/L, you have an exceedance.**

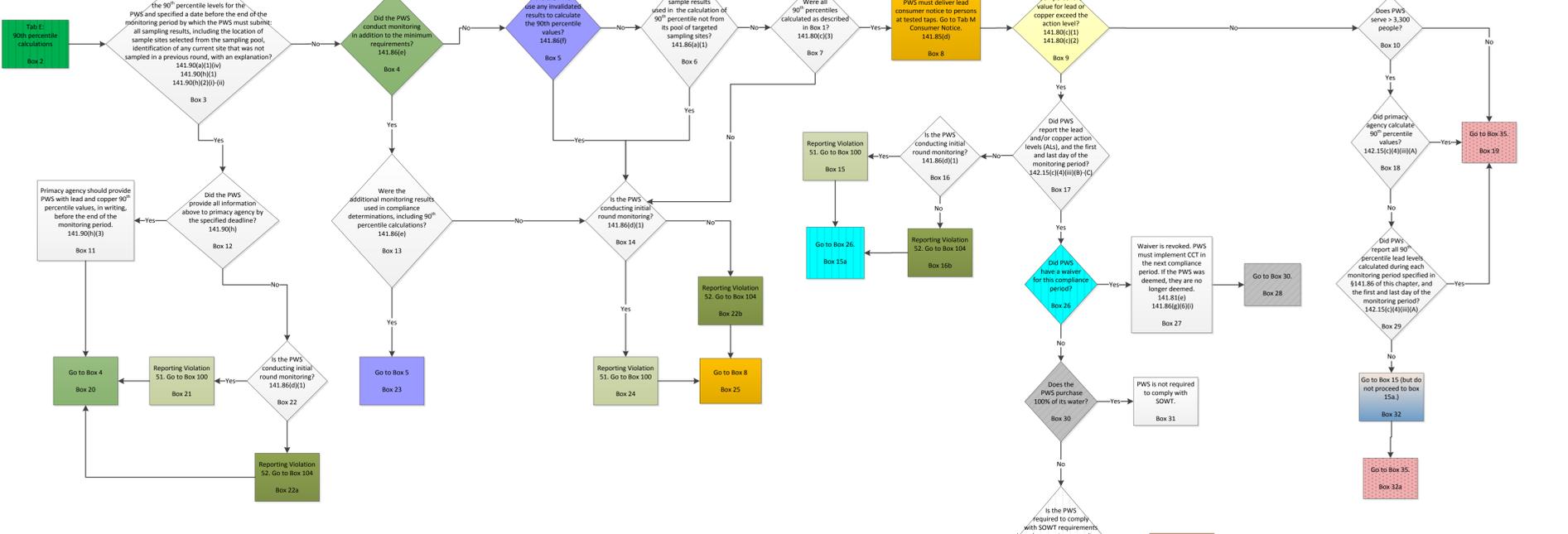
Example 1: 10 lead results	Example 2: 12 lead results rounding	Example 3: 12 lead results interpolation
Sample Rank: Sample Value	Sample Rank: Sample Value	Sample Rank: Sample Value
1 0.000	1 0.000	1 0.000
2 0.000	2 0.000	2 0.000
3 0.000	3 0.002	3 0.002
4 0.005	4 0.005	4 0.005
5 0.005	5 0.005	5 0.005
6 0.005	6 0.005	6 0.005
7 0.006	7 0.006	7 0.006
8 0.006	8 0.006	8 0.006
9 0.010	9 0.010	9 0.010
10 0.014	10 0.014	10 0.014
11 0.019	11 0.019	11 0.017
12 0.020	12 0.020	12 0.018
		12 0.020

**If you are required to collect five samples**

- Place lead or copper results in ascending order.
- Take the average of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> highest sample. This is your 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level.
- Compare the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level against the lead or copper action level.

**If you are allowed under the Short-Term Revisions to collect fewer than five samples**

- Place lead or copper results in ascending order.
- Compare the highest sample value (this is considered to be your 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level) against the lead or copper action level.



**Example 1: 10 lead results**

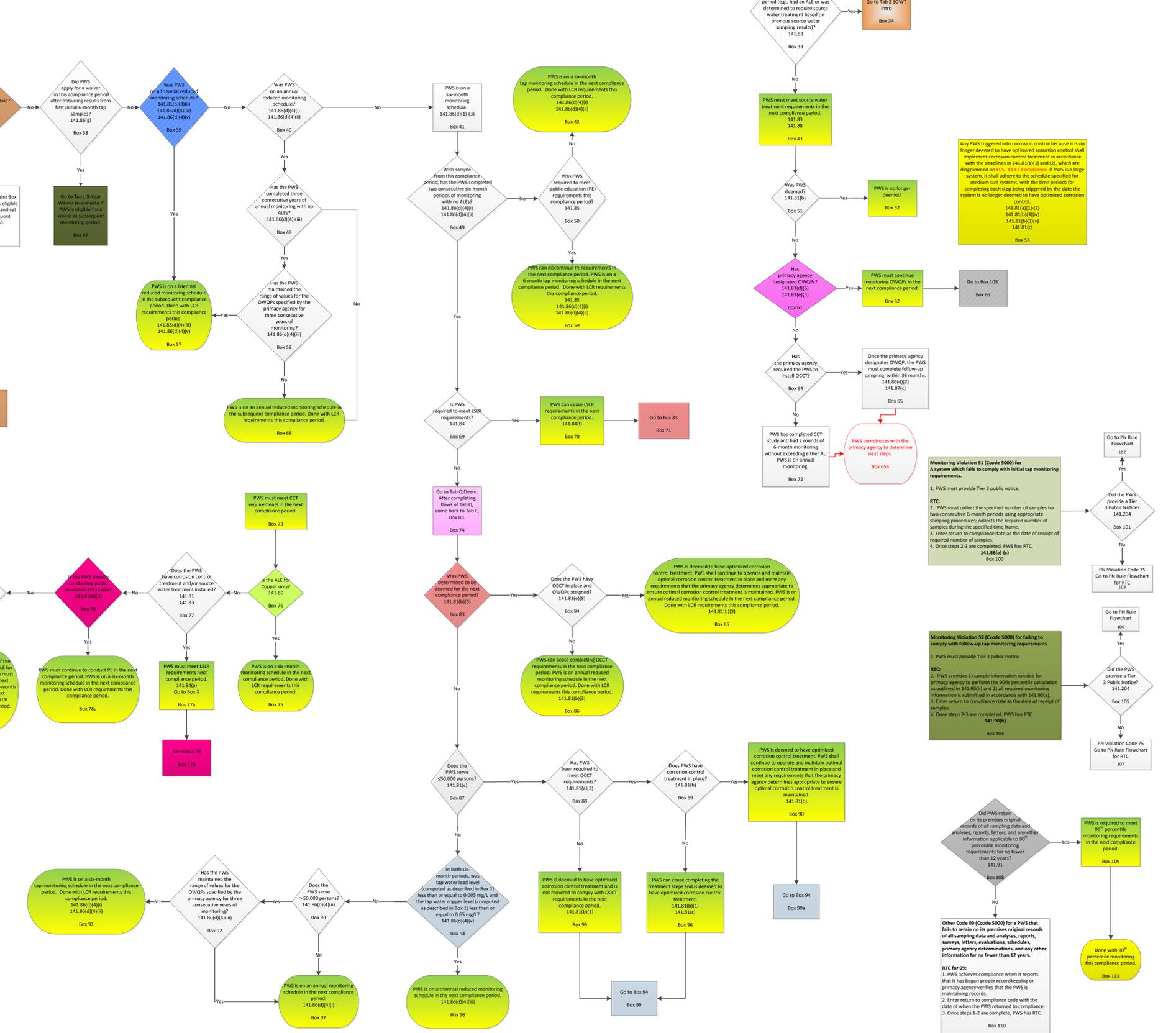
Sample Rank	Sample Value
1	0.000
2	0.000
3	0.000
4	0.005
5	0.005
6	0.005
7	0.006
8	0.006
9	0.010
10	0.014
11	0.019
12	0.020

**Example 2: 12 lead results rounding**

Sample Rank	Sample Value
1	0.000
2	0.000
3	0.002
4	0.005
5	0.005
6	0.005
7	0.006
8	0.006
9	0.010
10	0.014
11	0.019
12	0.020

**Example 3: 12 lead results interpolation**

Sample Rank	Sample Value
1	0.000
2	0.000
3	0.002
4	0.005
5	0.005
6	0.005
7	0.006
8	0.006
9	0.010
10	0.014
11	0.017
12	0.018
12	0.020



**Monitoring Violation 51 (Code 5000) for a system which fails to comply with initial tap monitoring requirements.**

- PWS must provide Tier 3 public notice.
- PWS must collect the specified number of samples for ten consecutive 6-month periods using appropriate sampling procedures, collect the required number of samples during the specified time frame.
- Enter return to compliance date as the date of receipt of required number of samples.
- Once steps 2-3 are completed, PWS has RTC. 141.86(d)(4) Box 100

**Monitoring Violation 52 (Code 5000) for failing to comply with follow-up tap monitoring requirements.**

- PWS must provide Tier 3 public notice.
- PWS provides 1) sample information needed for primary agency to perform the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile calculation as outlined in 141.90(h) and 2) all required monitoring information is submitted in accordance with 141.90(a).
- Enter return to compliance date as the date of receipt of samples.
- Once steps 2-3 are completed, PWS has RTC. 141.90(a) Box 104

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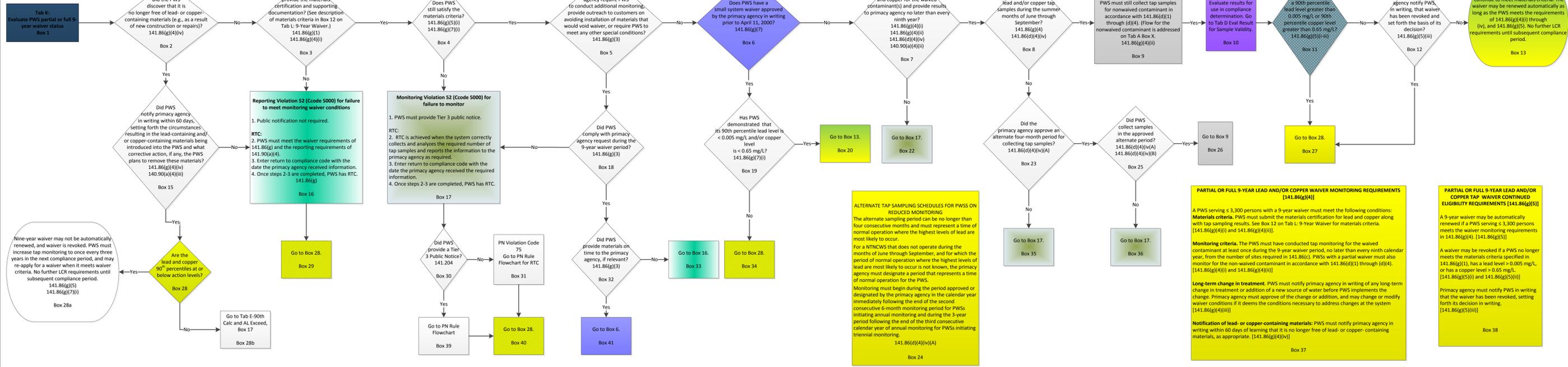
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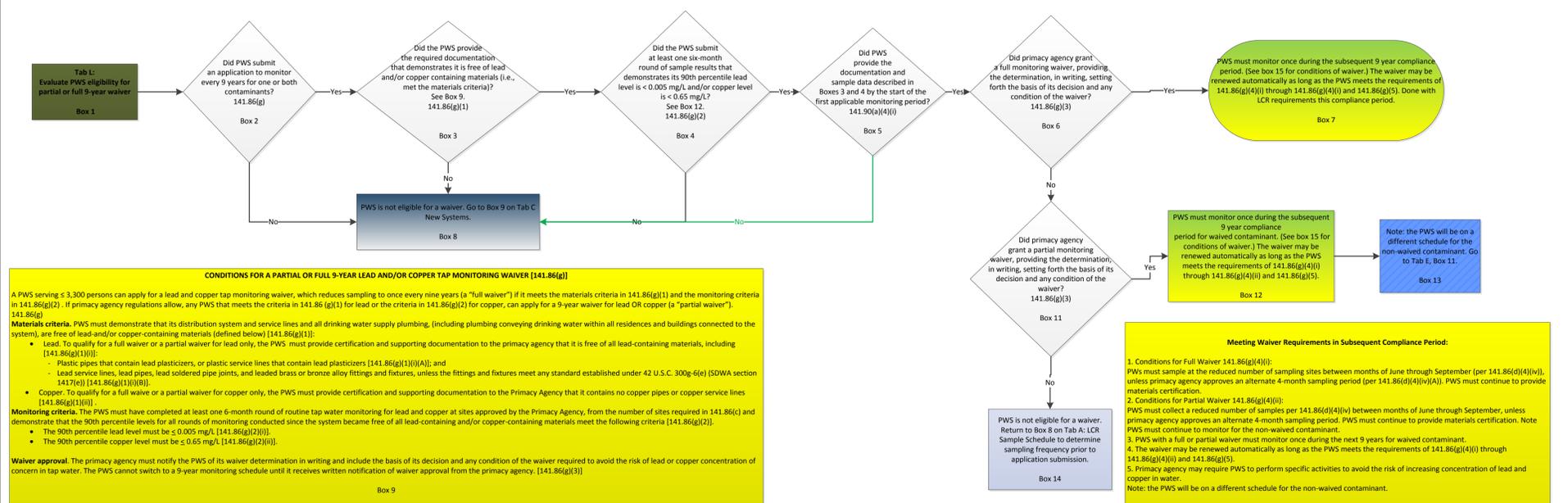
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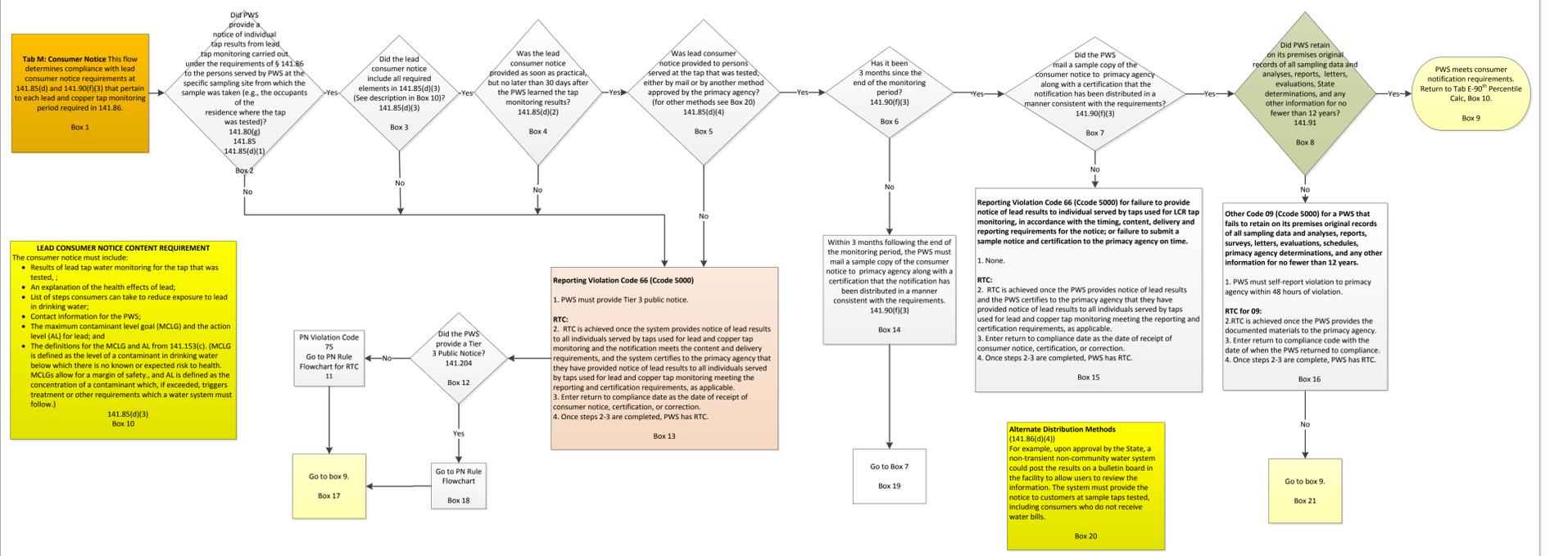
Tab K – LCR Tap M&R Waiver Evaluation

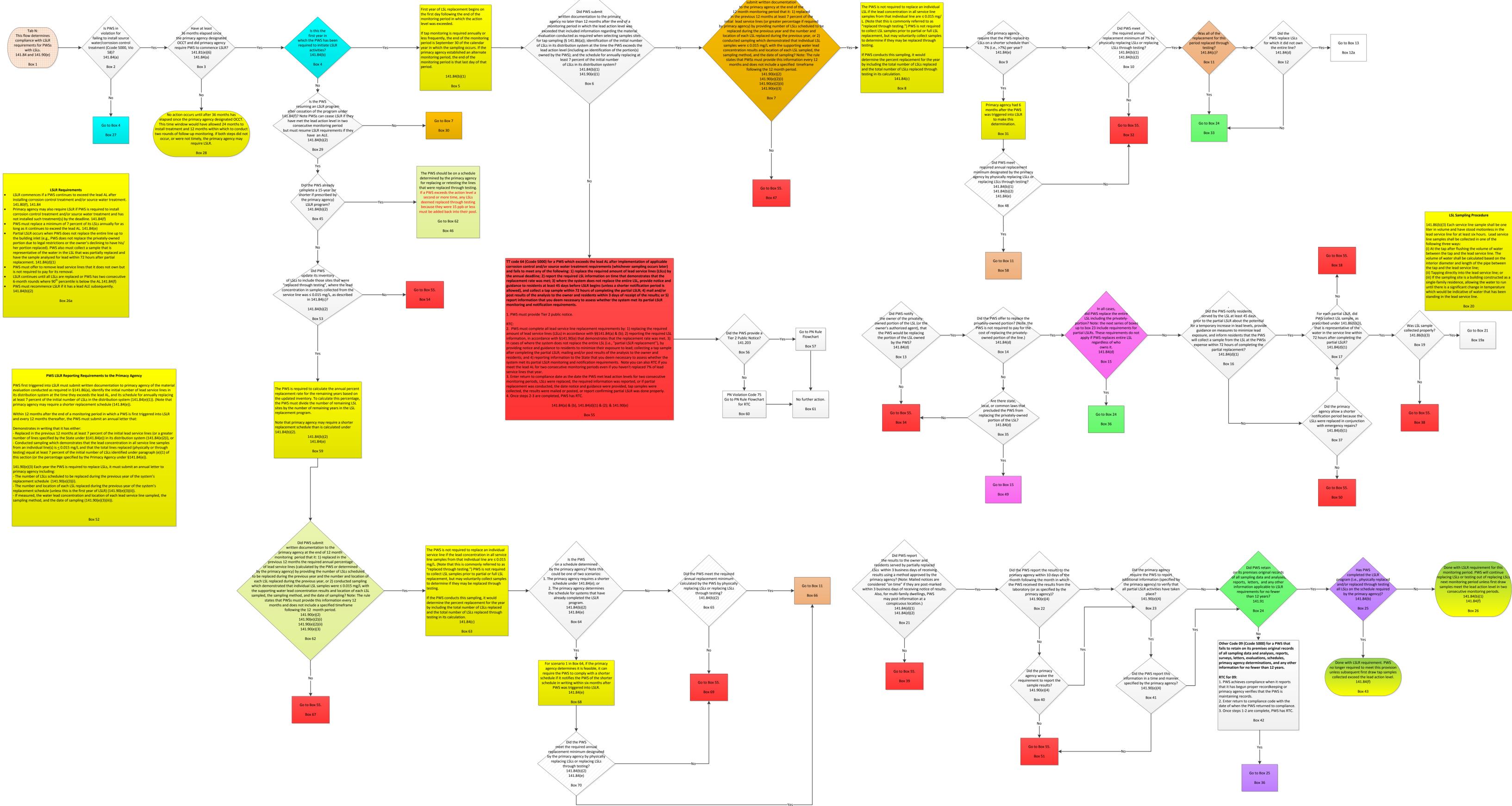


Tab L – Eligibility for LCR Tap M&R Waiver



Tab M – Lead Consumer Notice





**LSLR Requirements**

- LSLR commences if a PWS continues to exceed the lead AL after installing corrosion control treatment and/or source water treatment. 141.80(f), 141.84
- Primary agency may also require LSLR if PWS is required to install corrosion control treatment and/or source water treatment and has not installed such treatment(s) by the deadline. 141.84(f)
- PWS must replace a minimum of 7 percent of its LSLs annually for as long as it continues to exceed the lead AL. 141.84(e)
- Partial LSLR occurs when PWS does not replace the entire line up to the building inlet (e.g., PWS does not replace the privately-owned portion due to legal restrictions on the owner's declining to have his/her portion replaced). PWS also must collect a sample that is representative of the water in the LSL that was partially replaced and have the sample analyzed for lead within 72 hours after partial replacement. 141.84(d)(1)
- PWS must offer to remove lead service lines that it does not own but is not required to pay for its removal.
- LSLR continues until all LSLs are replaced or PWS has two consecutive 6-month rounds where 50% percentile is below the AL 141.84(f)
- PWS must recommence LSLR if it has a lead AL subsequently. 141.84(b)(2)

**PWS LSLR Reporting Requirements to the Primary Agency**

PWS first triggered into LSLR must submit written documentation to primary agency of the material evaluation conducted as required in §141.86(a). Identify the initial number of lead service lines in its distribution system at the time they exceed the lead AL and its schedule for annually replacing at least 7 percent of the initial number of LSLs in the distribution system (141.84(e)(1)). Note that primary agency may require a shorter replacement schedule (141.84(e)).

Within 12 months after the end of a monitoring period in which a PWS is first triggered into LSLR and every 12 months thereafter, the PWS must submit an annual letter that:

- Demonstrates in writing that it has either:
  - Replaced in the previous 12 months at least 7 percent of the initial lead service lines (or a greater number of lines specified by the State under §141.84(e)) in its distribution system (141.84(e)(2)), or
  - Conducted sampling which demonstrates that the lead concentration in all service line samples from an individual level(s) is  $\leq 0.015$  mg/L, and that the total lines replaced (physically or through testing) equal at least 7 percent of the initial number of LSLs identified under paragraph (e)(1) of this section (or the percentage specified by the Primary Agency under §141.84(e)).
- 141.90(e)(3) Each year the PWS is required to replace LSLs, it must submit an annual letter to primary agency including:
  - The number of LSLs scheduled to be replaced during the previous year of the system's replacement schedule. (141.90(e)(3)(i))
  - The number and location of each LSL replaced during the previous year of the system's replacement schedule (unless this is the first year of LSLR) (141.90(e)(3)(ii)).
  - If measured, the water lead concentration and location of each lead service line sampled, the sampling method, and the date of sampling (141.90(e)(3)(iii)).

**LSL Sampling Procedure**

141.86(b)(3) Each service line sample shall be one liter in volume and have stood motionless in the lead service line for at least six hours. Lead service line samples shall be collected in one of the following three ways:

- (i) At the tap after flushing the volume of water between the tap and the lead service line. The volume of water shall be calculated based on the interior diameter and length of the pipe between the tap and the lead service line.
- (ii) Tapping directly into the lead service line, or
- (iii) If the sampling site is a building constructed as a single-family residence, allowing the water to run until there is a significant change in temperature which would be indicative of water that has been standing in the lead service line.

**TT Code 64 (Code 5000) for a PWS which exceeds the lead AL after implementation of applicable corrosion control and/or source water treatment requirements (whichever sampling occurs later) and fails to meet any of the following:**

- 1) replace the required amount of lead service lines (LSLs) by the annual deadline;
- 2) report the required LSL information on time that demonstrates that the replacement rate was met;
- 3) where the system does not replace the entire LSL, provide notice and guidance to residents at least 45 days before LSLR begins (unless a shorter notification period is allowed), and collect a tap sample within 72 hours of completing the partial LSLR; 4) mail and/or post results of the analysis to the owner and residents within 3 days of receipt of the results; or 5) report information that you deem necessary to assess whether the system met its partial LSLR monitoring and notification requirements.

1. PWS must provide Tier 2 public notice.  
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2. PWS must complete all lead service line replacement requirements by: 1) replacing the required amount of lead service lines (LSLs) in accordance with §141.84(a) & (b); 2) reporting the required LSL information, in accordance with §141.90(e) that demonstrates that the replacement rate was met; 3) in cases of where the system does not replace the entire LSL (i.e., "partial LSLR replacement"), by providing notice and guidance to residents to minimize their exposure to lead; collecting a tap sample after completing the partial LSLR; mailing and/or post results of the analysis to the owner and residents; and 4) reporting information to the State that you deem necessary to assess whether the system met its partial LSLR monitoring and notification requirements. Note you can also RTC if you meet the lead AL for two consecutive monitoring periods even if you haven't replaced 7% of lead service lines that year.  
3. Enter return to compliance data as the date the PWS met lead action levels for two consecutive monitoring periods, LSLs were replaced, the required information was reported, or if partial replacement was completed, the date notice and guidance were provided, tap samples were collected, the results were mailed or posted or report confirming partial LSLR was done properly.  
4. Once steps 2-3 are completed, PWS has RTC.

141.84(a) & (b), 141.84(d)(1) & (2); & 141.90(e)

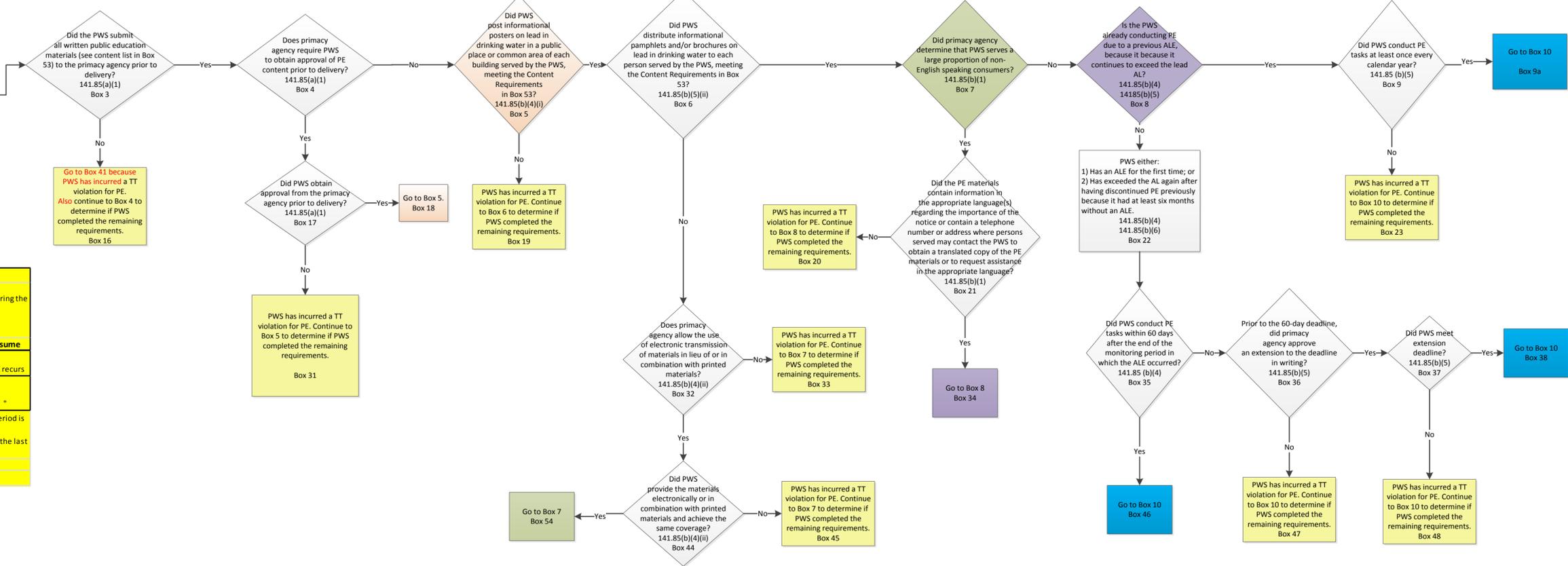
**Other Code 09 (Code 5000) for a PWS that fails to retain on its premises original records of all sampling data and analyses, reports, surveys, letters, evaluations, schedules, primary agency determinations, and any other information for no fewer than 12 years.**

**RTC for 09:**

1. PWS achieves compliance when it reports that it has begun proper recordkeeping or primary agency verifies that the PWS is maintaining records.
2. Enter return to compliance code with the date of when the PWS returned to compliance.
3. Once steps 1-2 are complete, PWS has RTC.



For PWSs that are required to conduct monitoring annually or less frequently, the end of the monitoring period is September 30 of the calendar year in which the sampling occurs, or, if the primacy agency has established an alternate monitoring period, the last day of that period. 141.85(b)(4)(iii) Box 2



**NTCNWS Schedule for PE**

NTCNWS must begin PE after a lead ALE and repeat delivery until it has met the lead AL during the most recent six-month monitoring period. NTCNWS would be required to resume PE if it subsequently exceeds the AL during a future monitoring period.

	Initial	Repeat	End	Resume
	within 60 days of end of monitoring period <sup>1</sup>	Once each calendar year	After six months without ALE	If ALE recurs
i. Post posters				
ii. Distribute pamphlets or brochures (see Box 41)				

<sup>1</sup> Note that for PWSs that sample annually or less frequently, the end of the monitoring period is not the last day of the calendar year, but September 30 of the calendar year in which the sampling occurred, or, if the primacy agency established an alternate monitoring period, the last day of that period.

141.85(b)(4) and 141.85(b)(5)  
 Box 30

**Content Requirements for PE Materials**

The following elements must be included in distributed PE materials, in the order listed below. Language in bold must be included exactly as written except for bracketed text. Any additional information provided by the NTCNWS must be consistent with the required information and must be in plain language:

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER.** [INSERT NAME OF WATER SYSTEM] found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this information closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

**Health effects of lead.** Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

Sources of lead: explain what lead is; explain possible sources of lead in drinking water and how lead enters drinking water, including information on home/building plumbing materials and service lines that may contain lead; discuss other important sources of lead exposure in addition to drinking water (e.g., paint).

Discuss step that consumers can take to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water: encourage running water to flush out the lead; explain concerns with using hot water from the tap and specifically caution against the use of hot water for preparing baby formula; explain that boiling water does not reduce lead levels; discuss other options consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water, such as alternative sources or treatment of water; suggest that parents have their child's blood tested for lead.

Explain why there are elevated levels of lead in the system's drinking water (if known) and what the NTCNWS is doing to reduce the lead levels in homes/buildings in this area.

For more information, call us at [INSERT YOUR NUMBER] [(IF APPLICABLE), or visit our Web site at [INSERT YOUR WEB SITE HERE]]. 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.

141.85(a)(1)(i-vi)  
 Box 53

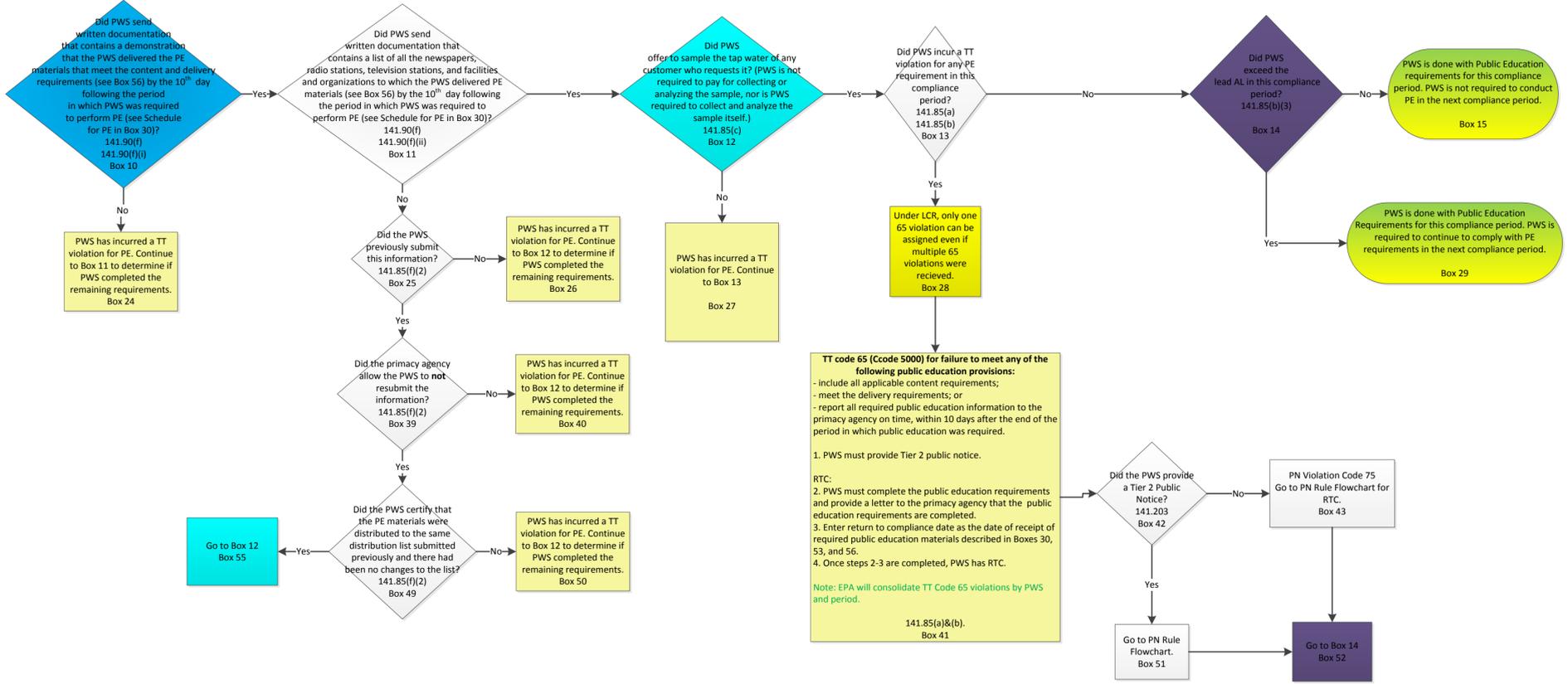
**Reporting Requirements for Proof of PE**

A PWS required to provide Public Education shall, within ten days after the end of each period in which the PWS is required to perform public education send written documentation to the primacy agency that contains:

- 1) A demonstration that the PWS has delivered the public education materials that meet the content requirements in 141.85(a) and
- 2) A list of all the newspapers, radio stations, television stations, and facilities and organizations to which the PWS delivered public education materials during the period in which the PWS was required to perform public education tasks. 141.90(f)(1)(i) and 141.90(f)(1)(ii)

<sup>1</sup>Unless required by the primacy agency, a PWS that previously has submitted the information required by 2), above, need not resubmit the information required in that section, as long as there have been no changes in the distribution list and the PWS certifies that the public education materials were distributed to the same list submitted previously.

141.90(f)(1)  
 141.90(f)(2)  
 Box 56



**TT code 65 (Code 5000) for failure to meet any of the following public education provisions:**

- include all applicable content requirements;
- meet the delivery requirements; or
- report all required public education information to the primacy agency on time, within 10 days after the end of the period in which public education was required.

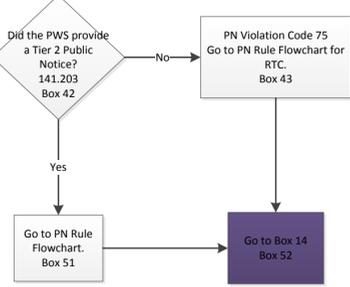
1. PWS must provide Tier 2 public notice.

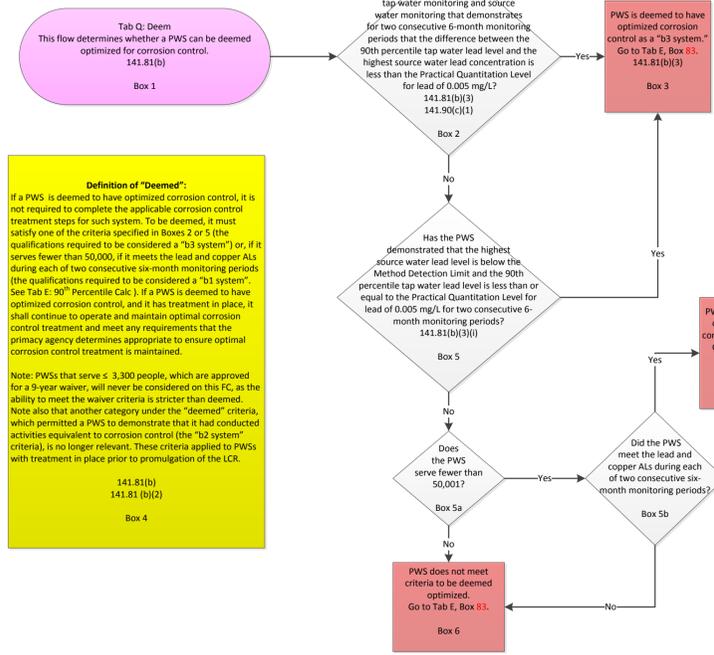
RTC:

2. PWS must complete the public education requirements and provide a letter to the primacy agency that the public education requirements are completed.
3. Enter return to compliance date as the date of receipt of required public education materials described in Boxes 30, 53, and 56.
4. Once steps 2-3 are completed, PWS has RTC.

Note: EPA will consolidate TT Code 65 violations by PWS and period.

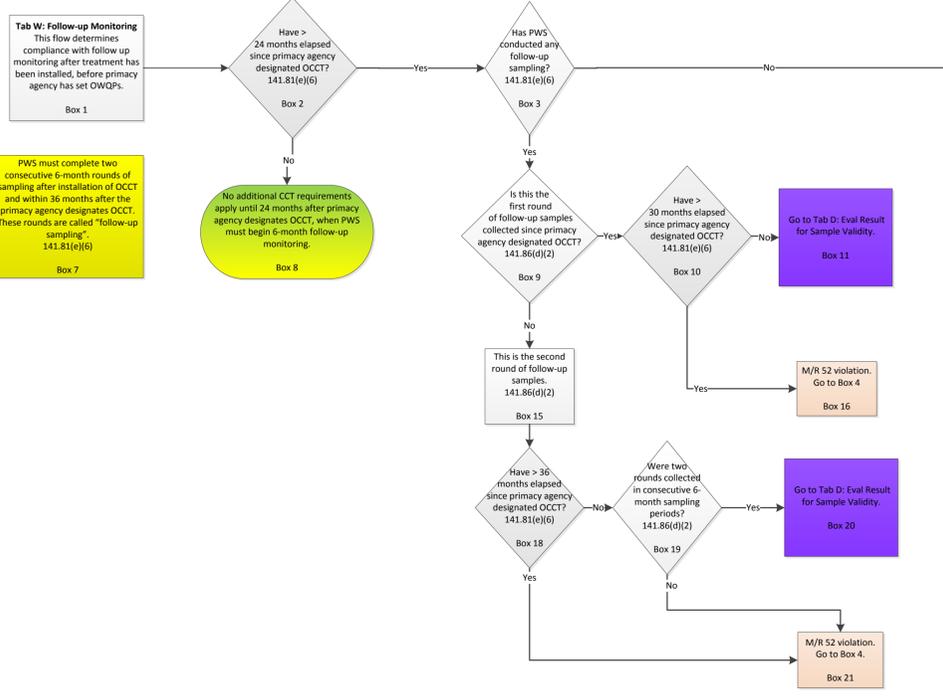
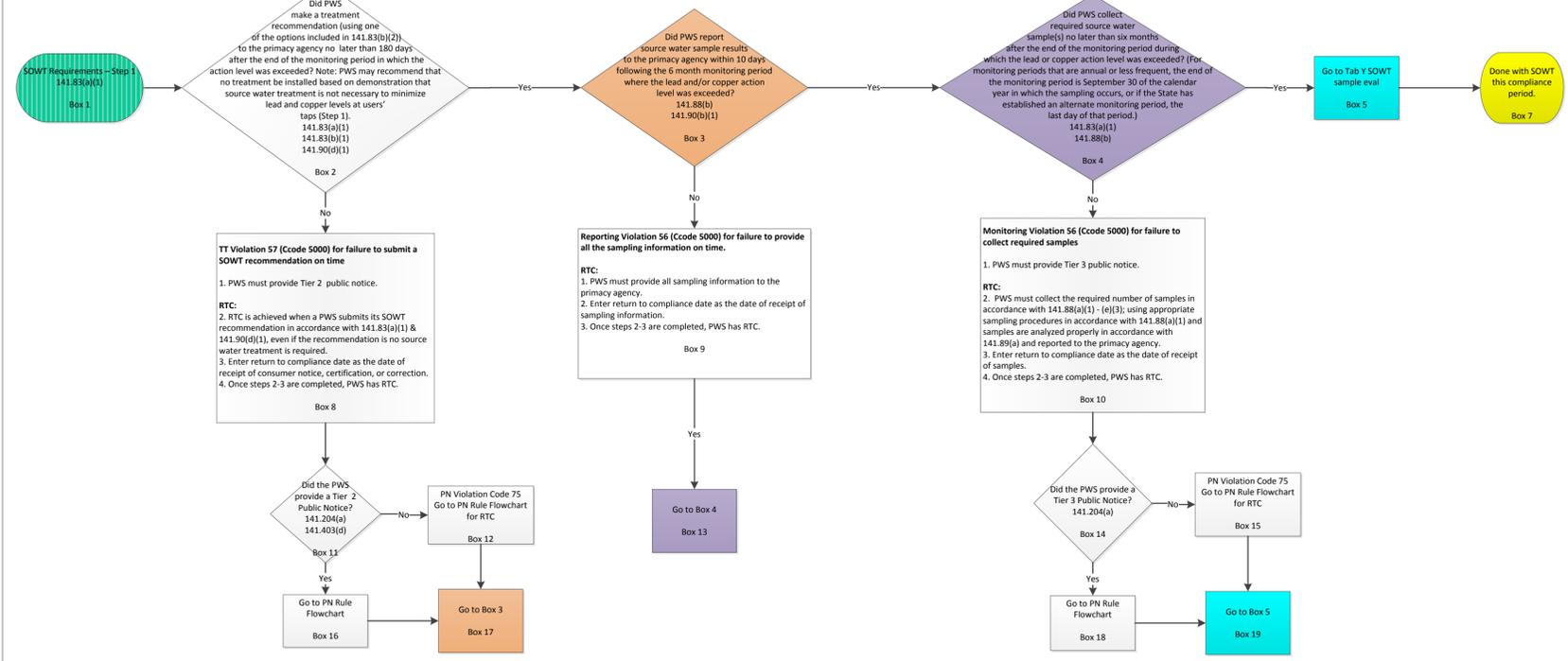
141.85(a)&(b).  
 Box 41



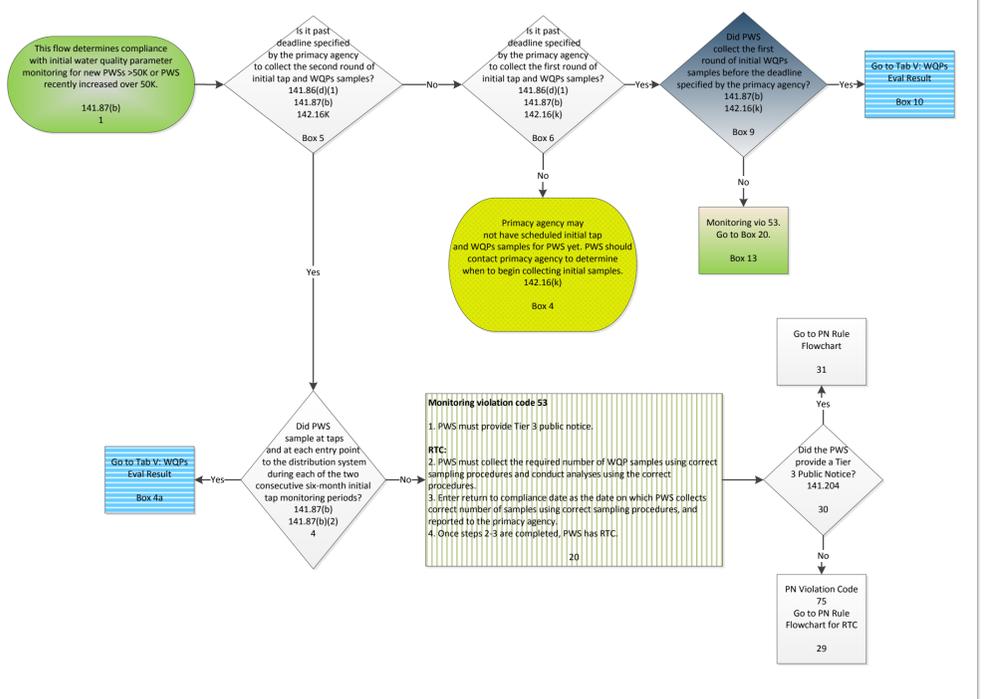


**Definition of "Deemed":**  
 If a PWS is deemed to have optimized corrosion control, it is not required to complete the applicable corrosion control treatment steps for such system. To be deemed, it must satisfy one of the criteria specified in Boxes 2 or 5 (the qualifications required to be considered a "b3 system") or, if it serves fewer than 50,000, if it meets the lead and copper ALs during each of two consecutive six-month monitoring periods (the qualifications required to be considered a "b1 system"). See Tab E: 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile Calc. If a PWS is deemed to have optimized corrosion control, and it has treatment in place, it shall continue to operate and maintain optimal corrosion control treatment and meet any requirements that the primary agency determines appropriate to ensure optimal corrosion control treatment is maintained.

Note: PWSs that serve ≤ 3,300 people, which are approved for a 3-year waiver, will never be considered on this FC, as the ability to meet the water criteria is stricter than deemed. Note also that another category under the "deemed" criteria, which permitted a PWS to demonstrate that it had conducted activities equivalent to corrosion control (the "b2 system" criteria), is no longer relevant. These criteria applied to PWSs with treatment in place prior to promulgation of the LCR.

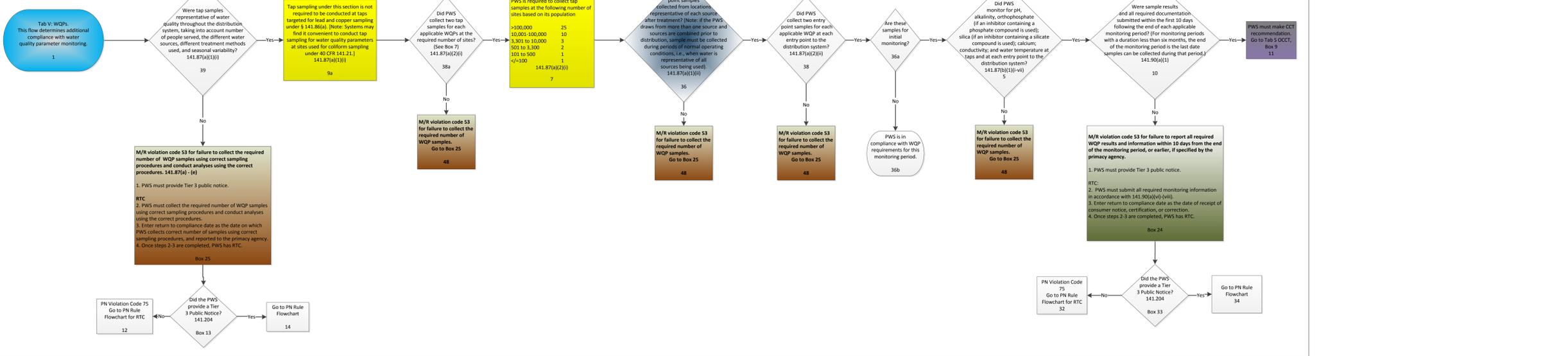
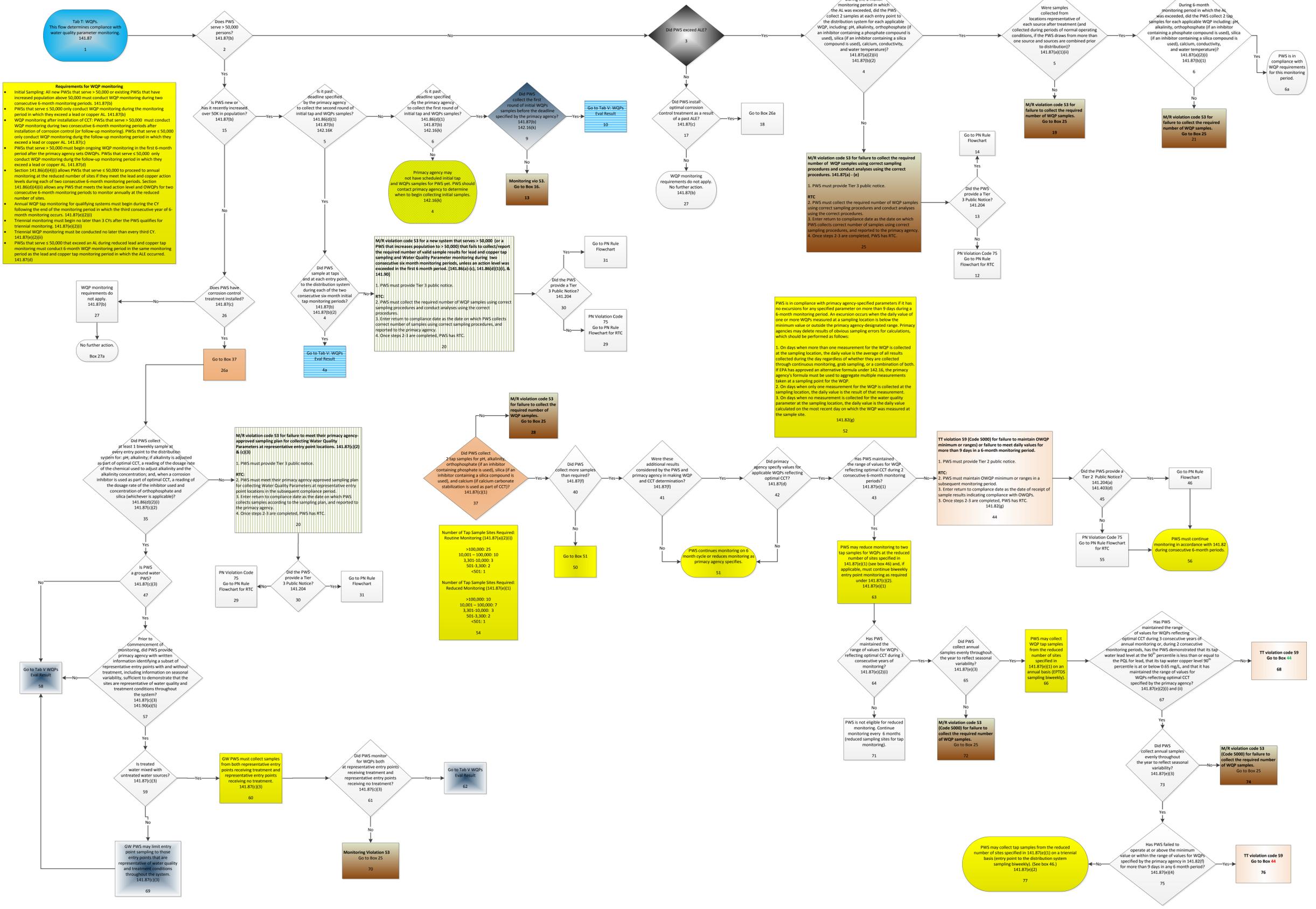


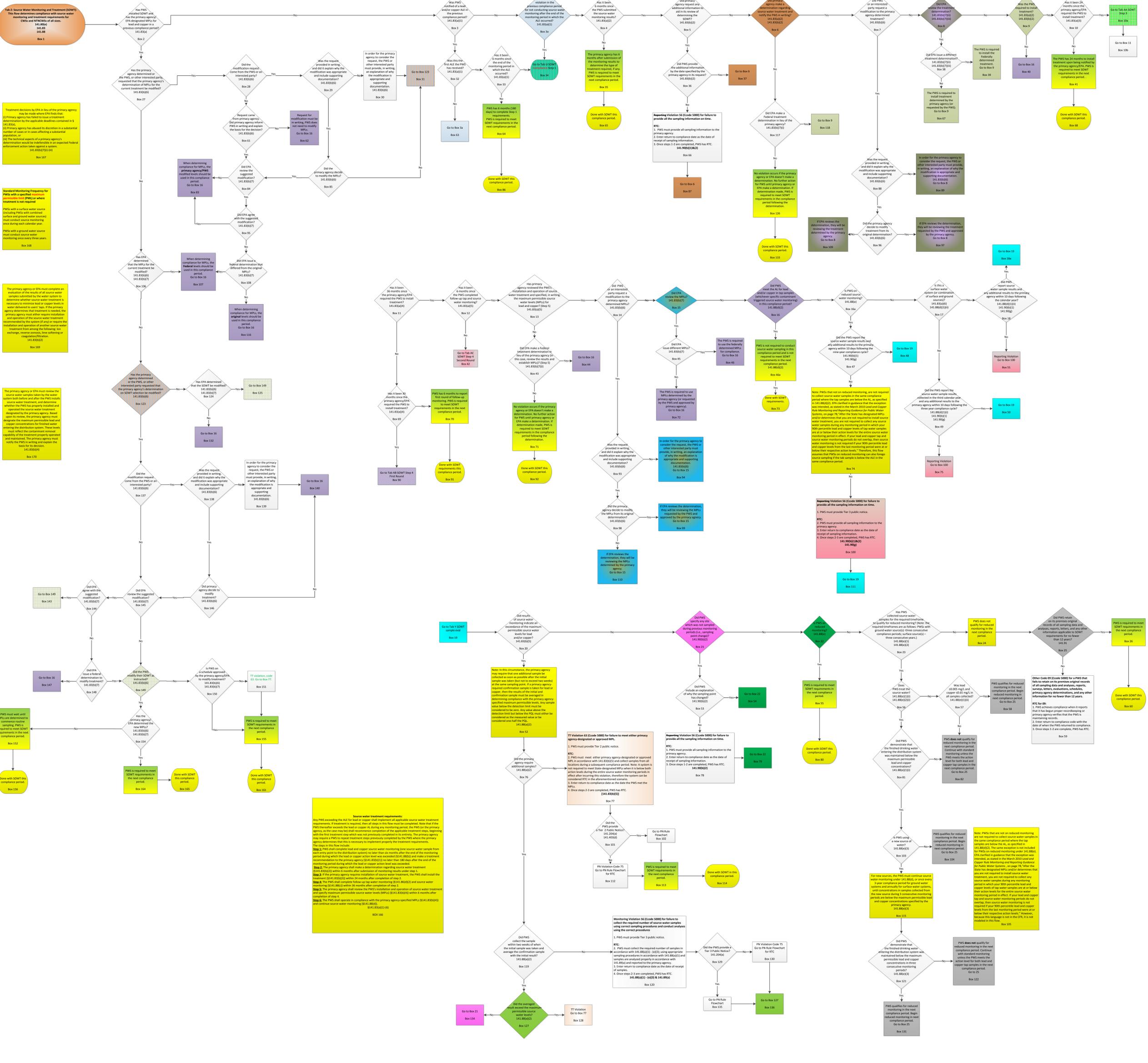
**Monitoring Violation 52 (Code 5000) for PWS which fails to comply with follow-up tap monitoring requirements**  
 1. PWS must provide Tier 3 public notice.  
 RTC:  
 2. RTC is achieved when the system collects the required number of tap samples using correct sampling procedures, conducts analyses using the correct procedures and reports required information to the primary agency.  
 3. Enter return to compliance code with the date of the primary agency received the report.  
 4. Once steps 2-3 are completed, PWS has RTC.



**Monitoring violation code 53**  
 1. PWS must provide Tier 3 public notice.  
 RTC:  
 2. PWS must collect the required number of WQP samples using correct sampling procedures and conduct analyses using the correct procedures.  
 3. Enter return to compliance date as the date on which PWS collects correct number of samples using correct sampling procedures, and reported to the primary agency.  
 4. Once steps 2-3 are completed, PWS has RTC.







**Table Z: Source Water Monitoring and Treatment (SOWT)**  
This flowchart determines compliance with source water monitoring and treatment requirements for lead and copper. All PWSs are required to monitor lead and copper at all times. 141.83(b)(1), 141.83(c)

Treatment decision by EPA in lieu of the primary agency may be made where EPA finds that (1) primary agency has not made a reasonable determination by the applicable deadline contained in § 141.83(d); (2) primary agency has abused its discretion in a substantial violation; or (3) in cases affecting a substantial population, or (4) the technical aspects of a primary agency's determination would be infeasible in an expected federal enforcement action based on the violation. 141.83(b)(7)(H)

**Standard Monitoring Frequency for PWSs with a specified maximum lead (PML) or where treatment is not required**  
PWSs with a surface water source (including PWSs with combined surface and ground water sources) must conduct source monitoring once during each calendar year.  
PWSs with a ground water source must conduct source water monitoring once every three years.

The primary agency or EPA must complete an evaluation of the results of all source water samples submitted by the water system to determine whether source water treatment is necessary to maintain lead or copper levels at water delivered to user's taps. If the primary agency or EPA determines that source water treatment is necessary, the primary agency must either require installation and operation of another source water treatment from among the following: ion exchange, reverse osmosis, line softening or coagulation/filtration. 141.83(b)(2)

The primary agency or EPA must review the source water samples taken by the water system both before and after the PWS installs source water treatment, and determine whether the PWS has properly installed and operated the source water treatment. Upon its review, the primary agency must designate the maximum permissible lead and copper concentration for finished water entering the distribution system. These levels must reflect the contaminant removal capability of the treatment process operated and maintained. The primary agency must notify the PWS in writing and explain the basis for its decision. 141.83(b)(2)

PWS must wait until MFLs are determined to determine sampling. PWS is required to meet SOWT requirements in the next compliance period. 141.83(b)(2)

**Source water treatment requirements**  
Any PWS exceeding the AEL for lead or copper shall implement all applicable source water treatment requirements. If treatment is required, then all steps in this flow must be completed. Note that the PWS thereafter exceeds the lead or copper AEL during any monitoring period. The PWS for the primary agency may, at the user's risk, that implements completion of the applicable treatment steps, beginning with the first treatment step which was not previously completed in its entirety. The primary agency may require a PWS to repeat treatment steps previously completed by the PWS where the primary agency determines that this is necessary to implement proper the treatment requirements.  
**Step 1:** PWS shall complete lead and copper source water monitoring (one source water sample from each entry point to the distribution system) no later than six months after the end of the monitoring period during which the lead or copper action level was exceeded (141.83(b)(1)) and make a treatment decision by the primary agency (141.83(b)(2)) no later than 180 days after the end of the monitoring period during which the lead or copper action level was exceeded.  
**Step 2:** The primary agency shall make a determination regarding source water treatment (141.83(b)(2)) within 18 months after completion of step 1.  
**Step 3:** The PWS shall complete follow-up tap water monitoring (141.83(b)(2)) and source water monitoring (141.83(b)(2)) within 36 months after completion of step 2.  
**Step 4:** The primary agency shall review the PWS's installation and operation of source water treatment and specify maximum permissible source water levels (MPLs) (141.83(b)(3)) within 6 months after completion of step 4.  
**Step 5:** The PWS shall operate in compliance with the primary agency specified MPLs (141.83(b)(4)) and continue source water monitoring (141.83(b)(2)).

**Monitoring Violation 56 (Code 5000) for failure to provide all the sampling information on time.**  
1. PWS must provide Tier 3 public notice.  
2. PWS must collect the required number of samples in accordance with 141.83(b)(1), (b)(2), using appropriate sampling procedures in accordance with 141.83(b)(3) and reported to the primary agency.  
3. Enter return to compliance date as the date of receipt of samples.  
4. Once steps 2-3 are completed, PWS has RTC. 141.83(b)(4) - (b)(7) & 141.83(a)

Other Code 5000 for PWS that fails to retain on its premises original records of all sampling data and analysis - reports, surveys, letters, and any other information applicable to SOWT monitoring for no fewer than 12 years. 141.83(b)(7)(H)

