

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner



Ned Lamont
Governor
Susan Bysiewicz
Lt. Governor

Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

EHDW Circular Letter #2023-51

TO: Community & Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems
Certified Operators
Local Health Directors

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW

Handwritten signature of Lori J. Mathieu in blue ink.

DATE: December 27, 2023

SUBJECT: **Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published the Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) on December 6, 2023 in the Federal Register. The proposed LCRI is a new federal rule proposed by EPA to strengthen the current Lead and Copper Rule to reduce lead in drinking water to protect children and adults from the significant, and irreversible, health effects from being exposed to lead in drinking water. For more information about the proposed LCRI, including the rule summary and fact sheets, visit EPA's website at [Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements | US EPA](#).

A 60-day public comment period is available for the public to submit written comments to EPA on the proposed LCRI. Community and non-transient non-community public water systems are encouraged to review the proposed LCRI and provide written comments to EPA by February 5, 2024 at [Federal Register :: National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Improvements \(LCRI\)](#). For more information and instructions on how to submit written comments to the public docket, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

In addition, EPA will hold a virtual public hearing on January 16, 2024, at which the public will be invited to provide EPA with verbal comments. For more information on the public hearing and how to provide EPA with verbal and written comments, visit [Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements | US EPA](#).

C: Lisa Morrissey, Deputy Commissioner, DPH



Phone: (860) 509-7101 • Fax: (860) 509-7111
Telecommunications Relay Service 7-1-1
410 Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, Connecticut 06134-0308
www.ct.gov/dph

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

