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EHDW Circular Letter #2022-72

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

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW

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DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **LSLR Collaborative's Guide to Equity Analysis**

The Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Collaborative, a group of national organizations working together to accelerate full removal of the lead service lines that deliver drinking water to residents, has developed a step-by-step guide to help water systems to consider and account for issues of equity when developing their LSLR programs, which is required in the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and for additional considerations in the forthcoming Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI).

A key part of the LCRR and LCRI is to strengthen the regulatory framework on lead in drinking water by incorporating an equity approach into decision making. As such, it is helpful for water systems to consider the local history, demographics, historical construction patterns and practices, economic levels and other indicators of disparities in health outcomes within the communities they serve to better determine which households should be prioritized for expedited lead service line replacements, funding support or other assistance. The LSLR Collaborative's Guide to Equity Analysis has guiding questions and resources that water systems can use to help with the LSLR program.

For more information on Equity and the Guide to Equity Analysis, please visit the LSLR Collaborative website at <https://www.lslr-collaborative.org/> or <https://www.lslr-collaborative.org/guide-to-equity-analysis.html>.

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