

Lead Service Line Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2022

Meeting Called to Order at 2:04 p.m. by Kenley Farmer, appointed Chair.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

- Kenley Farmer, designee for Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)
- Stephen Varga, designee for District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- Matthew Nestopoulos, designee for Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)
- Randy Speck, public representative appointed by Council
- Valerie Baron, public representative appointed by Council

DC Water was not present

II. Adoption of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda

The agenda and meeting minutes from the 1/6/2021 meeting have been adopted.

III. Report from Subcommittees

Subcommittee 3: Review of DC Water Plan - Point of Contact (POC): Public Representative Randy Speck

Goal: Recommend changes or clarifications to DC Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Plan that was released on June 14, 2021.

The subcommittee's first goal was to understand DC Water's plan and to determine what changes and/or clarifications are needed. The plan was divided into six categories:

1. Inventory
 - After identifying the procedures DC Water uses to identify lead service lines (historical data, current records, and inspections) the subcommittee deemed that the lead service line inventory map holds potential inaccuracies.
 - DC Water only determines the absence of lead by observation or pipe testing.
2. How DC Water will move from the current piecemeal programs to the Block-by-Block Program
 - How will the programs interact while running concurrently and phasing into the Block-by-Block Program?

- How will customers be notified of when their block's lead lines will be replaced?
 - Will lead prevention resources be provided to residents until the replacement occurs?
 - Define the Block-by-Block Program's geographical space (example: 1 block, 2 blocks, or several blocks).
3. Understand the prioritization process DC Water is using to decide the order of replacements.
 - Clarify what metrics are used to determine the priority scoring - is it appropriate for the plan?
 - Review scientific evidence to determine if partial lead lines hold a higher health risk.
 4. Replacement timeline – Future meeting item
 5. Cost Estimates
 - How was the estimate derived and what does it include (permitting, inspections, restoration, etc.)?
 - DC Water needs to provide a detailed cost analysis or schedule a subcommittee meeting with their financial officer(s).
 6. Community Outreach – Future meeting

Subcommittee 1: Interagency Coordination – POC: DC Water Designee John Deignan

Goal: Account for the role of each District agency, including agencies not part of the Task Force, in the removal and replacement of all lead water service lines by 2030.

Developing a memorandum of agreement between agencies that will identify locations of removal of lead pipe replacements in Fiscal Year 2022 and beyond that will help with the coordination of permitting, payment plans, etc. that will lead to efficiencies in meeting the goal of removing lead pipes by 2023.

IV. Announcement

The council put out a public request for proposal (RFP) to conduct an independent verification and validation assessment of DC Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. The Washington Post released the RFP notice on November 30, 2021 and it closed on December 21, 2021. The contractor selected is Safe Water Engineering, LLC (<https://safewaterengineering.com/>).

Safe Water Engineering, LLC Reporting Timeline to Council

Draft report- March 23, 2022

Final report- April 1, 2022

V. Action Items and Future Agenda Items

Action Items

1. Randy Speck will:
 - Identify lead service line replacement expert(s) that can join one of the task force meetings to talk about their experience.
 - Send the revised Guiding Principles to the task force.
2. Randy Speck/Kenley Farmer will:
 - Share the public notice and other relevant materials with ANCs.
3. Kenley Farmer will:
 - Receive clarification from Council staff on what data will be used by the 3rd party to review DC Water's proposed estimates.
 - Send out a doodle poll to the task force that will aid in scheduling subcommittee meetings
4. Valerie Baron will:
 - Receive confirmation from Council on whether the plan for the removal and replacement of all lead water service lines in the District by 2030 can include protective measures of recommendations that will aid in the protection against lead in drinking water.
5. Maureen Schmelling will:
 - Define in writing how lead service lines are identified in the District.
 - Provide a detailed report on how the lead removal estimate was derived or schedule a subcommittee meeting with DC Water's financial officer(s).
 - Identify the procedures used to identify lead service lines (historical data, current records, inspections, etc.).
 - Clarify the metrics used to determine the priority scoring list. (area deprivation index/vulnerable population, partial replacements, and geographic areas).

- Define the Block-by-Block Program's geographical space (1 block, multiple blocks, etc.).
6. Task Force members will:
- Continue to identify District agencies that can aid in the development of the lead service line plan to the Council.
 - Share related documents (memorandum of agreement, studies, etc.) to help with the formulation of the plan via the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force Box.com account.
 - Review scientific evidence to determine if partial lead lines hold a higher health risk.

Future Agenda Items

Meet with Safe Water Engineering, LLC to review their assessment of DC Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Plan.

Proposed Agenda for 2/3/22

1. Roll Call of Task Force Members
2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda
3. Report from Subcommittees
4. Summary of Revised Lead and Copper Rule
5. Action Items and Future Agenda Items