

Lead Service Line Planning Task Force **Meeting Minutes**

December 23, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 2:15 p.m. by Kenley Farmer, appointed Chair.

Roll Call of Task Force Members

- Kenley Farmer, designee for Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)
- Maureen Schmelling, designee for DC Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)
- 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

I. Review of the Guiding Principles

The guiding principles will be adopted by the task force members to help guide the discussion and deliverable of the plan to Council for the removal and replacement of all lead water service lines in the District by 2030.

The draft guiding principles are below, with task force member commentary in red:

1. Any lead service line (LSL) poses a health risk to all people served by that LSL, and the objective of this planning process is to remove that health risk, not merely to meet minimum regulatory requirements.
2. DC Water must identify conclusively all LSLs in the District, using the state of Michigan's Minimum Service Line Material Verification Requirements (Step 5, pp. 3-4). A LSL includes any lead-bearing plumbing materials (e.g., lead pipe, galvanized pipe, lead-bearing meters, compression fittings, goosenecks, pigtails, and connectors) along the length of the service line:
 - from the water main to the start of the service line,
 - from the start of the service line to the water meter,
 - in the water meter,
 - from the water meter to the exterior wall of the residence, and
 - from the exterior wall of the residence into the home.

DC Water will define in writing their approach to identifying lead service lines in the District.

The task force members will review DOEE's **lead service line rulemaking definition to ensure it aligns with the above definition.**

The task force members will review studies regarding risk to drinking water from lead compression fittings.

3. DC Water must promptly notify all residents with a LSL or a service line of unknown material, including residents of apartments and condominiums, of:
 - The fact that they are served by a LSL or a service line of unknown material,
 - The health risks posed by LSLs, and
 - Steps they can take to protect themselves and their families before, during, and after their LSL is replaced. DC Water must make it clear to all residents that LSLs are a risk to everyone, including to adults and people living in homes that have tested low for lead. This notice must be provided in multiple languages and through multiple channels of communication.
4. DC Water must supply residents living in a home with a LSL or a service line of unknown material with a pitcher-style filter or a point-of-use filter certified to remove lead. Filter delivery must include instructions for how to maintain and replace the filters before, during, and after LSL replacement according to the manufacturer's specifications. DC Water must track the effectiveness of these efforts and report on these efforts to the public.

Receive confirmation from Council of whether the plan for the removal and replacement of all lead water service lines in the District by 2030 can include recommendations of protective measures against lead in drinking water.

5. DC Water must develop a clear and publicly available LSL inventory and replacement plan that prioritizes:
 - Low-income renters and homeowners,
 - Communities of color that have greater cumulative lead and toxics exposure, and
 - Residents in homes with a LSL that was only partially replaced in the past.

Include prioritizing homes with children, pregnant mothers, and vulnerable population where lead lines are present.

Review studies to determine if partially replaced lead service lines pose a higher risk of lead exposure than full lead service lines.

6. In conjunction with the above prioritization plan, DC Water must develop a clear and publicly available block-by-block replacement plan for maximal efficiency and cost effectiveness.
7. District agencies—including DOEE, DCRA, and DDOT—must coordinate and expedite all required permits and any related infrastructure projects (e.g., street repairs) to match DC Water's LSL inventory and replacement plans.

Include coordination with utility vendors: Pepco and Washington Gas.

8. DC Water's LSL inventory, replacement, and public outreach plans must align with the best, peer-reviewed lead-in-water science as well as the best practices developed in other cities to ensure a safe, efficient, and equitable LSL replacement program.
9. DC Water must replace fully all intact and partial LSLs in the District by 2030.
10. DC Water must exhaust all federal and District funding sources that can be used for LSL replacement. LSL replacement funding sources must not be used for water main repairs/replacements (DC Water must segregate the cost for any water main work necessitated by or incidental to LSL replacement.)
11. Residents must not bear any costs of LSL replacement.

Proposal to add a guiding principle for the recommendation of legislation for public participation in achieving the goal to remove or replace all lead services lines in the District.

II. Action Items

- Randy Speck will:
 - Continue to identify lead service line replacement expert(s) that can join one of the task force meetings to talk about their experience.
 - Share the public notice and other relevant materials with ANCs.
- Valerie Baron will:
 - Receive confirmation from Council if 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.
 - Provide a prospective plan of action based on proposed budget.
- Marueen Schmelling will:
 - Define in writing how lead service lines are identified in the District.
- Task Force members will:
 - Circulate feedback and or comments on the draft guiding principles by the January 6 meeting.
 - Provide questions to DC Water before the January 6 meeting regarding the Infrastructure Bill.

- Continue to identify District agencies that can aid in the development of the lead service line plan to the Council.
- Share related documents (memo of agreement, studies, etc.) to help with the formulation of the plan via the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force Box.com account.

Proposed Agenda for 1/6/22

1. Roll Call of Task Force Members
2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda
3. Review of Plan Timelines
4. Update on the Identification of Lead Service Line Replacements Experts
5. Review of Infrastructure Bill
6. Review of Third-Party Cost Study
7. Summary of Revised Lead and Copper Rule
8. Review of Task Force Work Plan and Subcommittee Assignments
9. Finalize the Guiding Principles
10. Public Input
11. Action Items and Future Agenda Items