

# TAKE ACTION: No Lead is Safe

Public comment is open on the U.S. EPA's proposed updates to the Lead and Copper Rule, which protects families by preventing and responding to lead in drinking water.



## Wins to Celebrate

- Full replacement of all lead and galvanized lines in 10 years
- Improved public transparency
- Stronger sampling requirements
- Boosted support for impacted communities

## *But We Deserve Better Still*

The proposed changes are a step in the right direction, but more can and should be done because no lead is safe. We recommend that the U.S. EPA:

- Require water utilities to cover all replacement costs
- Get rid of waivers or other exceptions based on water utility size that result in unequal protections, including
  - 10-year pipe replacement extensions
  - waiving pipe replacement, chemical treatment, and testing in very small communities
- Require sampling in all schools and child care facilities
- Require copper, or polypropylene when copper is not feasible, as new pipe materials due to common use of cheaper, toxic plastics
- Strengthen water systems' filter distribution requirements



**Your Voice Matters!**  
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Your experience and input is critical for the strongest possible protections from lead in drinking water. Please take a few minutes and Take Action today. **February 5, 2024** is the last day to comment.

## Written Comments

Customize Freshwater Future's Take Action form:  
[tinyurl.com/LCRIcomment](https://tinyurl.com/LCRIcomment)

OR

Submit directly to the U.S. EPA:  
Docket Number  
EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0801-0036  
[www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)

## Verbal Comments

1. Sign up for the Freshwater Future teach-in on January 9 to prepare verbal comments

2. Sign up to speak at the **U.S. EPA's virtual public hearing on January 16, 2024**

3. Also submit a written copy of your comments to the U.S. EPA (optional and recommended)

## TIPS FOR STRONG COMMENTS

Share your experience with lead in drinking water. Some ideas to get you started:

- **Costs of pipe replacements, filters and bottled water**
- **Impact on health, education, or employment**
- **Thoughts on any public information you have received or would like to receive**



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