

**Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.
Webex Webinar

The Lead Service Line Replacement Advisory Board (Board) was called to order at 2:02 p.m. Jeff Guy, Illinois EPA, took a roll call of Board members present:

Joey Logan-Pugh, Chief, Bureau of Water & LSLR Chairperson, Illinois EPA (absent); Jason Bauer, Assistant City Engineer, City of Aurora (present); Anna-Lisa Gonzales Castle, Elevate Energy (present); Dave Clark, Acting Public Works Director, City of Champaign (present); Brad Cole, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal League (present); Brian Cox, Plumbing and Water Quality Program Manager, Illinois Department of Public Health (present); Joseph Healy, Business Manager, LiUNA Local 1092 (present); Paul Hinterlong, Councilman, City of Naperville (present); Darrell King, Water Production Bureau Chief, City of Evanston (present); Todd LaFountain, Water Division Manager, City of Springfield, City Water, Light and Power (absent); Brent O'Neill, Director of Engineering, Illinois American Water (absent); Rick Powers, Director of Public Works, City of Peoria (absent); Mike Pubentz, Interim Water Director, City of Elgin (present); Brian Rader, Public Works Superintendent, Village of Caseyville (absent); Jones Richmond, Business Representative, Plumbers Local 130 (present); Jamie Rott, Water Superintendent, City of Rockford (absent); Brenda Santoyo, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (present); Patrick Schwer, Director of Water Quality Surveillance, City of Chicago (present); Iyana Simba, Illinois Environmental Council (absent); Tom Somers, Director of Public Works, City of Herrin (present); Allison Swisher, Department of Public Utilities, City of Joliet (present); Ann Taylor, Mayor, City of Waukegan (absent); Justin Williams, Metropolitan Planning Council (present)

Illinois EPA staff in attendance:

Jeff Guy, Illinois EPA Office of Community Relations (moderator); Adam Nutt, Illinois EPA Bureau of Water; Tatum DeMay, Illinois EPA Bureau of Water; Mathew Maas, Illinois EPA Bureau of Water

Summary of Discussion

Jeff Guy reminded Board members that the Board shall meet no less than once every sixth months and asked for a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes from the previous meeting on October 9, 2024. Paul Hinterlong made a motion, which was seconded by Joe Healy. This motion was approved, and the October 9, 2024 meeting minutes were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Illinois EPA staff introduced themselves and Adam Nutt presented updates for the inventories received in 2024 and then summarized the next steps for inventory and replacement. The main topics included ongoing activities for community water supplies: notices, filters, replacement, inventories, replacement plans, and lead service line replacement. Adam Nutt then provided information on service line inventory and replacement future steps, touching on inventories, replacement plans, line service line replacement (Section 17.2), replacement reporting, outreach, and lead service line replacement - Lead and Copper Rule Improvement (LCRI).

Brad Cole asked a question about LCRI pertaining to Trump administration push that could roll back LCRI and asked if the Agency could investigate this. A brief discussion followed. Tatum DeMay said that the Illinois EPA will look into it and keep the Board informed.

Ann-Lisa Gonzales Castle provided information about the LCRI lookback period and also requested guidance from the Illinois EPA. Tatum DeMay clarified that the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) in its entirety and that is an effect, so right now community water supplies in Illinois are under the LCRR in full right now.

Darrel King asked for clarification regarding operation under the LCRR and stated that if the LCRI reverts back to the LCRR, it could cause compliance issues. Tatum DeMay stated that there would not be any compliance issues as long as the system was in compliance with the LCRR.

Patrick Schwer asked about LCRR trigger level exceedances. Adam Nutt stated that there is going to be a dialogue opened with the system after the trigger level exceedance.

Matthew Maas presented an update on the funding, provided information on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding, and stated that the Illinois EPA has made available \$10 million for lead service line inventory. He also presented a summary of the lead service line grant program and provided state revolving fund program updates.

Justin Williams asked about replacement plans and grant opportunities, and asked if the Illinois EPA will offer assistance with grant funding. Matthew Maas stated that the Illinois EPA will follow up with him on his question.

Ann-Lisa Gonzales Castle provided a link in the chat to the U.S. EPA's water infrastructure State Revolving Funds (SRF) status table and asked if the Illinois EPA can provide updates on the grants from the federal government. Matthew Maas stated that the Illinois EPA will follow up with her on her question. Justin Williams asked for clarification on a few of slides related to the money available for lead service line inventory, and Tatum DeMay stated that the Illinois will follow up with him.

Jeff Guy mentioned the ethics and harassment training requirements for 2025. Jeff Guy asked if there were any public comments. One public comment was received from Chakena Perry regarding the availability of a standard from or criteria that systems have to use to submit their replacement plan deadlines, and what happens if a deadline is missed. Adam Nutt stated that there is not a form but a checklist available on the Illinois EPA website to assist. Adam Nutt stated that the system could be out of compliance if the replacement plan is not submitted on time.

Justin Williams asked if the Illinois EPA can provide a brief write-up on the questions raised during the meeting, and Tatum DeMay said the Illinois EPA will follow up with the group. Paul Hinterlong asked if the Board could be provided with the slides presented during the meeting and the Illinois EPA agreed.

Jeff Guy asked for a motion to end the meeting. Joe Healy made a motion, which was seconded by Paul Hinterlong. All agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The meeting recording and other pertinent documents are available on the Illinois EPA Lead Service Line Replacement Act Advisory Board webpage at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/drinking-water/public-water-users/lead-service-line-replacement-advisory-board.html>