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Subject: **Federal Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR)**

To whom it may concern,

Beginning October 16, 2024, revised Federal Guidelines went into effect to address potential lead/copper contamination in the drinking water of all Public Water Systems (PWS) in the US. This LCRR intensified the EPA's efforts to identify the following:

1. Water sources containing lead.
2. Water sources producing corrosive water.
3. Communities that have lead piping in their PWS service lines.
4. Homes, businesses, and institutions that have lead piping or lead solder in their private service lines or plumbing.

The two links below are to the Texas Commission on Environmental (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Both links cover the program's many aspects.

- <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>
- <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/chemicals/lcrr>

The City of Rockdale has begun the process of meeting the mandatory requirements. On October 16, 2024, the city submitted a spreadsheet titled "Lead Service Line Inventory – LSLI" to TCEQ that assigned a unique numerical identifier to all 2400+ customer connections in the city's PWS (TXPWS1660002). A copy of this spreadsheet will be available on the city's website.



Each individual connection then has a series of characteristics that must be documented for that connection. This includes the following:

1. Address
2. Type of connection: Single family, multiple family, or building.
3. Year of construction.
4. City service line material.
5. Homeowner service line material.
6. Lead service line on the city side: now or anytime in the past.
7. And multiple other criteria.

The City of Rockdale has built a new subpage on its website for Public Works which can be found in the city departments tab. In this subpage, customers can do the following:

1. Access the LSLI spreadsheet and search for the data entered for their property. The unique identifier that was mentioned earlier is the water bill account number.
2. A survey form that will request information regarding the building being served, pipe material type from the meter to the building, and piping inside the building. This information will be used to add additional data to the LSLI spreadsheet.
3. Send questions to the Public Works Department through an email account specifically set up for this program. The email is lsl@rockdaletx.gov
4. Access the links to TCEQ and EPA for more in-depth information.
5. Access an interactive map of the city that shows areas that have been confirmed to have lead service lines to older buildings.
6. Remain informed by finding information regarding the transition from “Lead Service Line Inventory” to “Lead Service Line Replacement”. The city is currently in the inventory stage and once information has been received, the city will then



transition to the stage referred to as “Lead Service Line Replacements”.

Residents can follow this process on the previously referred subpage on the city website.

Additional steps taken by the City of Rockdale’s Water Department to ensure safe, lead-free water:

1. All lead lines that are located during replacement or repairs are immediately removed from the distribution system.
2. Department personnel have sought additional training. This commitment has led to multiple individuals earning TCEQ licenses.
3. The Water Department, with the help of Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District grants, has spent well over \$300,000 on equipment to improve our chemical dosing equipment and to install 24-hour monitoring units to alarm operators if one of our Water Quality Parameters (WQP) approaches out of permit levels.
4. Another \$200,000+ has been spent on upgrades to our water treatment processes.

The City of Rockdale wants to thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to improve our systems and work to meet Federal and State requirements.

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