



Warning

May 27th, 2025

Belpre, City Of
P.O. Box 160
715 Park Drive
BELPRE, OH 45714

RE: Belpre City Pws
Warning Letter
Drinking Water Program
Washington County
PWS ID: OH8400012

Subject: Warning for Failure to Submit Service Line Inventory on Time

Dear PWS Owner:

The Belpre City Pws public water system (PWS) failed to submit a Service Line Inventory by October 16, 2024, as required by 40 CFR 141.84(a)(1). The Belpre City Pws was previously sent multiple reminders, notifications, and a prior warning letter regarding this requirement and ultimately submitted the inventory after the deadline.

U.S. EPA finalized the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) on Dec. 16, 2021, with a compliance date of October 16, 2024. That same day, U.S. EPA announced the development of a new regulation, the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). As part of that announcement many of the requirements in LCRR were delayed by LCRI, except for service line inventories, service line material notifications, and Tier 1 public notices for a lead action level exceedance. **This means that all community and non-transient non-community PWSs should have submitted a completed inventory to Ohio EPA by Oct. 16, 2024, and have made their inventory accessible to the public.**

U.S. EPA has stated that failure to complete and submit the inventory on time to Ohio EPA is a federal reporting violation with associated public notice requirements. U.S. EPA requires the enclosed public notice be issued as soon as practical, but no later than 12 months after learning of the violation, in accordance with 40 CFR 141.203 using the following method(s) to reach all persons served:

- Mail or other direct delivery to each customer; or
- If necessary to reach all persons regularly served, use other notification methods also, such as newspaper publication, public posting, or Internet posting.

U.S. EPA requires that posted notices must remain in place for as long as the violation persists, but in no case for less than seven (7) days, even if the violation is resolved. There are instructions included with the attached public notice template. The language in italics with asterisks on either end on the enclosed public

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notice is mandatory and must be included, as written. The information within the brackets will need to be edited with the correct information. Do not make additional changes to the public notice without consulting the U.S. EPA beforehand. Please complete the enclosed verification form within 10 days of issuing the Public Notice and email it to ddagwleadcopper@epa.ohio.gov. Include a copy of the notice distributed, published or posted.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters at 1-614-644-2752 and ask for someone on the lead and copper team or email ddagwleadcopper@epa.ohio.gov.

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