

Proposed Rulemaking: Safe Drinking Revised Consumer Confidence Report Rule

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Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) Revisions

- USEPA published CCR NPDWR* in 1998; Chapter 109 was revised in 2001 to include these provisions
- USEPA published CCR Revisions NPDWR* on May 24, 2024, revising both content and delivery requirements

Background

Additional Revisions

- USEPA published the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) NPDWR* on January 15, 2021, requiring water systems to issue a Tier 1 public notice (PN) for lead exceedances
- Additional minor revisions are to clarify and ensure monitoring requirements are consistent for bulk water haulers and for entry points that purchase water

*NPDWR = National Primary Drinking Water Regulations in 40 CFR Part 141

Purpose of the Regulation

- Improve readability of information in CCRs so that consumers can make more informed decisions about their drinking water
- Provide timely information about lead in drinking water
- The Department must adopt standards that are at least as stringent as the NPDWR to maintain primacy

CCR Revisions

Applicability

- All community water systems (CWS)
- Compliance began **January 1, 2025**, for the provisions related to LCRR
- Compliance begins **January 1, 2027**, for all other provisions

Content

- Additional details regarding lead & copper results and service line inventories
- Revised educational statement and updated health effects language for lead
- Information about corrosion control
- Summary paragraph with specific content

Delivery

- Mail or electronic direct delivery to each consumer
- Posted on a publicly-accessible website
- Bi-annual delivery (by July 1st and December 31st)
- Additional delivery requirements for certain CWSs

CCR Revisions

- Federal CCR content requirements are incorporated by reference
- Revised language for the delivery requirements includes the new provisions
- Chapter 109 is no more stringent than the NPDWR

Additional Revisions

Public Notice (PN) Updates

- Under the LCRR, Tier 1 PN must be issued if the compliance value exceeds the lead action level. A copy of the PN must be submitted to the EPA
- Under the LCRR, Tier 3 PN must be issued for lead and copper reporting violations
- Under the Revised Total Coliform Rule, Tier 3 PN must be issued for failure to report coliform results

Bottled, Vended, Retail and Bulk Hauling (BVRB) Updates

- Clarifying the monitoring requirements for BVRBs using water purchased from a permitted PWS
- Modifying the definition of entry point for a bulk water hauler
- Updating the disinfection language for a bulk hauler to retain the requirement to maintain a residual in each truck

CCR Revisions: Estimated Costs and Benefits

CCR Revisions Estimated Costs	
Total annual costs to PA water systems	\$593,869
Annual costs per system	\$318
DEP annual costs	\$67,768

Nonquantifiable benefits include:

- Ensuring consumers in all communities have accurate, timely, and accessible drinking water data
- Enabling consumers to make educated decisions regarding any potential health risks pertaining to the quality, treatment, and management of their drinking water supply
- Improved public health protection

Costs vs. Benefits

- The Department does not expect notable compliance costs associated with the proposed amendments to incorporate the other provisions for PN and BVRB systems
- The Department expects benefits similar to those for the CCR amendments for the PN because a more informed public is better equipped to make decisions about their water consumption

Advisory Committee Review

- The Public Water System Technical Assistance Center (PWS-TAC) Board reviewed the proposal on February 20, 2025
- Minor edits were suggested to the text to improve readability. The PWS-TAC Board had no other comments on the proposed rulemaking for CCR, LCRR, or the other clarifications included in this package

Recommendation

The Department recommends the Board adopt this proposed regulation. A 30-day public comment period is recommended.



Questions?

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