

# Proposed Rulemaking: Safe Drinking Revised Consumer Confidence Report Rule

Environmental Quality Board  
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# Background

## 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

## 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



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# 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



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# Recommendation

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

# Questions?

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