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LEAD SERVICE LINE PROJECTS REQUEST

ALL COMMUNITY & NON-COMMUNITY NON-TRANSIENT PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

The federal government is requiring each state to complete an inventory of lead service lines. People can have exposure to lead in drinking water through lead pipes. There is no safe level of lead and the amount of lead service lines is not fully known in the state of Montana. The inventory of lead service lines must be completed by October 16, 2024.

The state of Montana could receive up to \$28 million in funding for lead service lines. In order to receive the funding, The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking projects related to updating or mitigating lead service lines (LSL). These projects can include preparing a service line inventory, planning for replacement or mitigation, and replacement activities.

DEQ is requesting community and non-community non-transient water systems to complete the attached project priority survey form if you think you may need funding assistance. Funding will be available via loans and loan forgiveness. If interested, please submit the survey form by November 30, 2022 to leadandcopper@mt.gov

The submitted survey forms will be used to create a project priority list in order to request funding from EPA. The projects don't have to be "shovel ready" or approved. The project scopes and costs can be conservative estimates and do not lock water system into a particular scope or timeframe.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Greg Montgomery with DEQ Public Water Supply at (406) 444-5312 and Gregory.montgomery@mt.gov

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