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Dear Rehoboth Beach Property Owner,

Over the next several months, City of Rehoboth Beach Water Department personnel will be conducting an inventory of all water service lines within the city's water distribution system, which includes your property. This inventory is a *requirement* of the revised Environmental Protection Agency Lead and Copper Rule, which went into effect this year. I want to stress that there is *no* known issue related to lead within the City of Rehoboth Beach's water system; the inventory is simply a requirement of new federal rules.

The objective of the inventory is to determine the material type of each service line in the city's system so that any that contain lead components can be identified for mitigation. To accomplish this, city staff will require access to visually inspect your service line where it connects to your house or commercial property. Typically, this line is accessible in the crawl space, if there is one, or along the front of a property. This visual inspection will preclude having to dig a test pit in your yard to expose the service line between the meter and your property.

As noted above, these inspections will require several months to complete. Neighborhood-specific notices will be posted on the city's website so that you can better anticipate when city staff members will be in your specific area. City staff conducting this inventory will be in their city vehicles and will have a city-issued identification badge as well as a copy of this correspondence in their possession.

If you would like to schedule a specific date and time for staff to inspect your line at your convenience, please call 302-227-6181 ext. 159.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in collecting this important information. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Downs, Water Department Superintendent at 302-227-6181 ext. 640.

Where to find more information

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https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/review-national-primary-drinking-water-regulation-lead-and-copper

The Lead and Copper Rule Revisions webpage at:

https://www.cityofrehoboth.com/current-city-projects

Sincerely,

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