



# Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

*Presentation to the*

## **MWRA Advisory Board**

# ***Opportunity to Comment on EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions***

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# New Chance to Help EPA Revise the Lead and Copper Rule

- EPA Has Been Working on Changes to the Lead and Copper Rule Since 2004
- Draft Proposed Revisions Expected Late 2018/Early 2019
- On January 8th, EPA Kicked-Off a Federalism Consultation and Unfunded Mandates Review
- Inviting input from state and local governmental stakeholders:
  - Mayors, Governors, state legislators, city and county officials
- AWWA and AMWA will comment, as will MWRA
- Should the Advisory Board comment as well?



## A Few of the Key Issues for Revised LCR

### Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Key Questions:

- Require a LSL inventory?
- Require full LSL replacement on a specified schedule? How long?
- Allow partial LSLR only for emergency repair or “unwilling or unable customers”?
- Require pitcher filters to be distributed?

### Corrosion Control Treatment Key Questions:

- Mandate phosphate treatment for all systems?
- Require faucet filters for all homes with LSL?



## A Few of the Key Issues for Revised LCR - 2

### Transparency and Public Education Key Questions:

- LSL Inventory Available On-Line?
- 24 Hour Notice for Elevated Sample Results?
- More Mandated Targeted Outreach?

### Sampling Key Questions:

- Change Where and When Lead Samples are Collected?
- Sample Water Actually Being Used?
- Increase Number of Samples?
- Require School Samples?
- Establish a Household Action Level to refer high results to local health agency for follow up?



## Next Steps

- MWRA Staff Continue to be Involved in AWWA and AMWA Review
- Will Make Supporting Materials Available to Ad Bd staff
- Official Advisory Board Comments?
- Opportunity for Local Elected Official Comments?
- Comments Due March 8, 2018