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EPA Lead & Copper Deadline Coming Next Week

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October 10, 2024 - In 1991, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established new rules to reduce exposure to lead and copper in drinking water. Next week marks an important deadline that is likely to spark a fair amount of media attention. October 16, 2024, is the deadline for water systems across the country to submit an initial inventory of lead service lines to their state agency. Some of the information being presented surrounding this topic will seem alarming, when in the vast majority of cases, there is not a problem.

What does this mean for residents of Marion, Indiana? For decades, Marion Utilities has been subject to regular lead/copper testing in accordance with all state and federal guidelines. Our results have always been well below the thresholds of concern, if they are detected at all. The reason for this is that we take great care to monitor our water chemistry in such a fashion that prevents metals of any kind from leaching into your drinking water. In other words, the City of Marion does NOT have a lead/copper problem. Your drinking water is safe!

That said, Marion Utilities is moving forward with a full system-wide inventory of existing lead service lines, as well as a plan for completely removing ALL of them. This is happening as a direct response to best management practices, and in accordance with guidelines produced by the EPA and IDEM. As you know, we have already started collecting data for our inventory process, but in the near future, we will be doubling down on our efforts. Your help and cooperation with these efforts is and will continue to be greatly appreciated!

As always, Marion Utilities is committed to providing clean, safe drinking water to its customers. If you have any questions or concerns, go to www.marionutilities.com or give us a call at 765-664-2391.



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