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LCRR Update: Effective Date Delayed

Federal Register Summary, 3/12/2021

In today's [Federal Register](#) (.pdf, 4 pages), "The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a short delay of the March 16, 2021, effective date of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2021. The LCRR will now become effective on June 17, 2021. This final rule does not change the compliance date of January 16, 2024. This delay in the effective date is consistent with Presidential directives issued on January 20, 2021, to heads of Federal agencies to review certain regulations, including the LCRR.

The sole purpose of this delay is to enable EPA to take public comment on a longer extension of the effective date for EPA to undertake its review of the rule in a deliberate and thorough manner consistent with the public health purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the terms and objectives of recent Presidential directives and in consultation with affected stakeholders."

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In today's [Federal Register](#) (.pdf, 4 pages), "The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to delay until December 16, 2021, the effective date of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), which was published in the Federal Register on January 15, 2021. EPA is also proposing to delay the January 16, 2024, compliance date established in the LCRR to September 16, 2024.

The proposed delay in the effective date is consistent with presidential directives issued on January 20, 2021, to heads of Federal agencies to review certain regulations, including the LCRR.

The delay will allow sufficient time for EPA to complete its review of the rule in accordance with those directives and conduct important consultations with affected parties. The proposed delay in the compliance date of the LCRR ensures that any delay

in the effective date will not reduce the time provided for drinking water systems and primacy states to take actions needed to assure compliance with the LCRR.

Comments must be received on or before April 12, 2021.”

CCR Data Letters Sent

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) data letters have been sent to each community public water supply system. There have not been any changes in the past year to the CCR requirements. The report must be distributed to the system's consumers by July 1, and the certification must be returned to DNR by October 1. Wholesale systems must provide the relevant data to the consecutive systems by April 1. If a system would like a MS Word version of the data and report, email the request to ccr@dnr.iowa.gov.

There is a correction to the cover letter: IAMU will not hold workshops this year. Instead, they will assist PWS with preparing their report for a fee.

If a system has any questions about its specific CCR, contact the person listed in the cover letter or in the current operation permit.

Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

To find continuing education opportunities, please view the “Training Calendar” at programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/. Training events where Iowa DNR staff will make presentations are listed below with the presentation name in the description. Also included are training events provided by EPA where Iowa CEU are granted, or events sponsored by Iowa DNR. See the listing on the appropriate date on the Training Calendar for registration instructions. Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

- March 25, 2021, IGWA Virtual Spring Conference, “Iowa's PFAS Action Plan; Water Supply Updates: Drought Outlooks and DNR Protected Flow Process”. See [website](#) for registration information; 3 continuing education hours for WT.