

Jemez Springs Domestic Water Association

November 30, 2025

Subject: Notice of Unknown Service Line Material

Dear Member,

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and quality of the drinking water supply, we are in the process of documenting service line materials in our water system per EPA requirements. As of the date of this mailing, we have not yet finished documenting the composition of all the service lines within our community. This letter serves to keep you informed and notified that our efforts are ongoing and progressing well within EPA requirements. This public notification was completed in accordance with 40 CFR 141.85(e) as required by the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) 40 CFR part 141.

Notice of Unknown Service Line Material

JSDWA is focused on protecting the health of every member of our community and we are working to identify service line materials throughout the water system as quickly as possible. **It is important to keep in mind that, at this time to the best of our knowledge, we have no known records of lead service lines ever having been used anywhere in our water system.** We are, however, required to send this letter to all members of the water system who currently have 'unknown service line material' for full disclosure.

At this time the water pipe (called a service line) that connects your home or building to the water main is made from **unknown material** as we have not yet been able to positively, objectively document its actual makeup. Because your service line material is unknown, there is the *unlikely* possibility that some or all of the service line could be made of lead or galvanized pipe that was previously connected to lead. Until we can positively, objectively document what your service line is made of, we must allow for the *unlikely* possibility that it may be made of lead or a galvanized pipe previously connected to a lead service line. We will document the makeup of your service line as quickly as possible. Please contact us with any questions you have.

For Your Information: People living in homes with a lead service line, or a galvanized pipe previously connected to a lead service line, have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water. The 1986 Safe Drinking Water Act, which was effective in 1988, banned the use of lead in flux/solder and water pipes. Lead water pipes were no longer manufactured after 1988. If your water service lines were manufactured or installed after 1988, it would have been illegal to use any lead containing materials, so it is very unlikely that there is any lead in your service lines.

Identifying service line material

To help us determine the material of your service line, please call JSDWA at 575-829-3083 or visit jsdwa.org/survey. The EPA has developed an online step-by-step guide to help people identify lead pipes in their homes called Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead. It is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead>.

Thank you very much for your participation and understanding! We appreciate each one of our members!

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Special Information About The Health Effects of Lead

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or worsen existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these negative health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, and kidney, or nervous system problems.

Steps you can take to reduce lead in drinking water

Below are recommended actions that you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water. The list also includes where you may find more information and is not intended to be a complete list or to imply that all actions equally reduce lead in drinking water.

- **Use filters properly.** Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use a filter, it should be certified to remove lead. Read any directions provided with the filter to learn how to properly install, maintain, and use your cartridge and when to replace it. Using the cartridge after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead. Do not run hot water through the filter. For more information on facts and advice on home water filtration systems, see EPA's <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-point-use-and-pitcher-filters-certified-reduce-lead>.
- **Clean your aerator.** Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect in your aerator. If lead particles are caught in the aerator, lead can get into your water.
- **Use cold water.** Do not use hot water from the tap for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula as lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- **Learn about construction in your neighborhood.** Contact us at 575-829-3083 or JSDWA@Windstream.net to find out about any construction or maintenance work that could disturb your service line. Construction may cause more lead to be released from a lead service line or galvanized service line if present.
- **Learn what your service line material is.** Contact us at 575-829-3083 or JSDWA@Windstream.net or a licensed plumber to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead, galvanized, or other materials.
- **Have your water tested.** Contact us, your water utility, at 575-829-3083 or JSDWA@Windstream.net to learn more about lead levels in your drinking water. Alternatively, you may contact a certified laboratory to have your water tested for lead. Note, a water sample may not adequately capture or represent all sources of lead that may be present. For information on sources of lead that include service lines and interior plumbing, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>
- **Get your child tested to determine lead levels in their blood.** Although there is no confirmation of having a lead service line, you may wish to speak with a healthcare provider to see if your child's blood lead level is elevated and/or if there is a need for blood testing, if you are concerned about potential exposure. Please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/advisory/acclpp/actions-blls.htm> for information on these actions.

For information about potential financing solutions to assist property owners with replacement of lead service lines, please contact us at 575-829-3083 or JSDWA@Windstream.net

For more information on reducing lead exposure from your drinking water and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.