

**Environmental Management Division  
Bureau of Drinking & Groundwater  
Public Water Supply Program**

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act includes requirements to collect lead and copper samples from locations that meet specific “tier” criteria. These sites must demonstrate worst case scenarios with respect to lead and copper exposure in drinking water. This requirement has also been promulgated in Wisconsin Administrative Code, NR 809. The Public Water Supply Program has developed a form to help streamline the process for approving changes to Lead and Copper monitoring site plans for municipal systems. Identifying the appropriate monitoring sites and having the Department approve the sites prior to completing sampling is a requirement of the rule. Although the rule does not require the use of this specific form, the content requested on the form (i.e. source of lead, year built) is required. This information may be submitted in a different format. It is intended that this form will make it easier for municipal public water system operators to be in compliance with rule requirements. It should also facilitate a quicker department review.

This form also spells out Department policy related to the number of active monitoring sites a system can have. The directions state that systems may only have a limited number of active sites in their Monitoring Site Plan (up to 1.5 times the lead/copper sample requirement). This policy piece has been put in place so that monitoring will occur at the same sites each monitoring period in accordance with the rule, and also to help alleviate issues with over sampling and 90<sup>th</sup> percentile dilution.

This form has been vetted through an extensive 9-month pilot test with municipal public water systems. The DG Program is now soliciting comments from the public on this draft form, for a 21-day notice period. Once the 21-day notice period is complete, all comments will be considered, revisions will be made as needed, and the finalized form will be posted on the DNR website.

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