
42 U.S. Code § 300j-19b

Reducing lead in drinking water

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means—

- (A) a community water system;
- (B) a water system located in an area governed by an Indian Tribe;
- (C) a nontransient noncommunity water system;
- (D) a qualified nonprofit organization with experience in lead reduction, as determined by the Administrator; and
- (E) a municipality or State, interstate, or intermunicipal agency.

(2) Lead reduction project

(A) In general

The term “lead reduction project” means a project or activity the primary purpose of which is to reduce the concentration of lead in water for human consumption by—

- (i) replacement of lead service lines;
- (ii) testing, planning, or other relevant activities, as determined by the Administrator, to identify and address conditions (including corrosion control) that contribute to increased concentration of lead in water for human consumption; and
- (iii) providing assistance to eligible entities to replace lead service lines, with priority for disadvantaged communities based on the affordability criteria established by the applicable State under section 300j-12(d)(3) of this title, low-income homeowners, and landlords or property owners providing housing to low-income renters.

(B) Limitation

The term “lead reduction project” does not include a partial lead service line replacement if, at the conclusion of the service line replacement, drinking water is delivered to a household through a publicly or privately owned portion of a lead service line.

(3) Low-income

The term “low-income”, with respect to assistance under this section, has such meaning as may be given the term by the Governor of the State in which the eligible entity is located, based upon the affordability criteria established by the State under section 300j-12(d)(3) of this title.

(4) Lead service line

The term “lead service line” means a pipe and its fittings, which are not lead free (as defined in section

300g–6(d) of this title), that connect the drinking water main to the building inlet.

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