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FYI...Below is an abstract on the Lead and Copper Rule - Long-Term Revisions. Key to note: the National Propose Rule Making is targeted for September 2013, with the final rule targeted for May 2014.

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Title: National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Regulatory Revisions

Abstract: Beginning in 2004, EPA conducted a wide-ranging review of implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) to determine if there is a national problem related to elevated lead levels. EPA's comprehensive review consisted of several elements, including a series of workshops designed to solicit issues, comments, and suggestions from stakeholders on particular issues; a review of monitoring data to evaluate the effectiveness of the LCR; and a review of the LCR implementation by States and water utilities. As a result of this multi-part review, EPA identified seven targeted rules changes and EPA promulgated a set of short-term regulatory revisions and clarifications on October 10, 2007, to strengthen implementation of the existing Lead and Copper Rule. In developing the short-term revisions, EPA identified several regulatory changes to be considered as part of identifying more comprehensive changes to the rule. These considerations are longer-term in nature as they require additional data collection, research, analysis, and stakeholder involvement to support decisions. This action addresses the remaining regulatory revisions to be completed in the 2013/2014 time frame. Changes will be made to make the rule more cost effective and more protective of public health.

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency(EPA)

Priority: Economically Significant

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda

Agenda Stage of Rulemaking: Proposed Rule Stage

Major: Yes

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

CFR Citation: [40 CFR 141](#); [40 CFR 142](#)

Legal Authority: [42 USC 300f et seq](#)

Legal Deadline: None

Statement of Need: EPA identified several regulatory changes to be considered as part of identifying more comprehensive changes to the rule. These considerations are longer-term in nature as they require additional data collection, research, analysis, and stakeholder involvement to support decisions. Changes will be made to make the rule more cost effective and more protective of public health.

Summary of the Legal Basis: The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) requires EPA to establish maximum contaminant level goals (MCLGs) and National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) for contaminants that may have an adverse effect on the health of persons, may occur in public water systems at a frequency and level of public concern, and in the sole judgment of the Administrator, regulation of the contaminant would present a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction for persons served by public water systems (section 1412(b)(1)(A)). The 1986 amendments to SDWA established a list of 83 contaminants for which EPA is to develop MCLGs and NPDWRs, which included lead and copper. The 1991 NPDWR for Lead and Copper (56 FR 26460, U.S. EPA, 1991a) fulfilled the requirements of the 1986 SDWA amendments with respect to lead and copper." EPA promulgated a set of short-term regulatory revisions and clarifications on October 10, 2007, to strengthen implementation of the existing Lead and Copper Rule. In developing the short-term revisions, EPA identified several regulatory changes to be considered as part of identifying more comprehensive changes to the rule. These considerations are longer-term in nature as they require additional data collection, research, analysis, and stakeholder involvement to support decisions. Changes will be made to make the rule more cost effective and more protective of public health.

Alternatives: To be determined.

Anticipated Costs and Benefits: To be determined.

Risks: To be determined.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/2013	
Final Rule	05/00/2014	

Additional Information: This action includes retrospective review under EO 13563; see: <http://www.epa.gov/regdarr/retrospective/history.html>.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:
Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

Federalism: Undetermined

Included in the Regulatory Plan: Yes

RIN Information URL:
<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/lcr/index.cfm>