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No Lead Service Lines Identified During Island-Wide Inspections

The Department of Water Supply (DWS), County of Hawai'i, recently completed inspections of randomly selected customers' water service lines to identify and inventory the type of material used to make the service lines. The inspections were performed to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) intended to improve the quality of the nation's public drinking water.

As expected, **no** lead or "galvanized requiring replacement" service lines were identified during the more than 5,000 inspections conducted island-wide between March and October of this year. DWS and its consultants reviewed building construction dates, DWS geographical information system (GIS) data, distribution system maps, and then conducted a statistical analysis to identify which service lines to inspect. All unknown service lines that have yet to be confirmed by physical inspections are presumably non-lead lines based on the statistical approach. DWS will be conducting validation of our statistical model to ensure that all non-lead service lines are categorized correctly.

DWS thanks participating customers, along with prime consultant Brown and Caldwell and its subconsultant EnviroServices & Training Center, for helping to make this phase of the project successful.

DWS remains committed to fulfilling its mission of providing customers with an adequate and continuous supply of safe drinking water in a financially responsible manner. This is achieved through rigorous and frequent testing that confirms the public's drinking water continues to meet all applicable Federal and State drinking water standards.

Specific inventory results can be made available upon request by contacting DWS at <u>lcrr@hawaiidws.org</u> or (808) 961-8070, ext. 3.