

**IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC INFORMATION**  
**LEAD & COPPER RULE**  
**RAPIDES ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**PWSID #:LA1079020**

To improve transparency regarding the implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has requested public water systems to provide a materials inventory list, including the locations, of all lead and copper materials used in the water distribution systems.

**TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, RAPIDES ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION (RIWA) DOES NOT HAVE ANY LEAD OR COPPER WATER MAINS OR SERVICE LINES WITHIN ITS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.** RIWA does incorporate risers throughout the system to elevate the meter inside the meter box. However, construction has just begun on our System Improvement Project which includes the removal of all meter risers. We estimate all copper meter risers will be removed in within the next six months.

In accordance with the Lead and Copper Rule, all community and non-transient non-community water systems are required to sample for lead and copper from consumers taps. Currently, RIWA is required to collect 20 samples every 3 years. In accordance to the LCR, corrective action must be taken if lead or copper concentrations exceed their action levels, which for lead is 0.015 ppm and for copper is 1.3 ppm, in more than 10% of the samples collected. Our levels have been well below the action level(s) and we remain in full compliance. These results are reported in our Annual Water Quality Report. The Water Quality Report can be found on this website, under the "Forms & Reports" tab. A direct link to this report is provided annually on all customer bills.

RIWA has no jurisdiction over private plumbing materials within its distribution system. Piping and fixtures inside the home or business is the responsibility of the home or business owner.

Rapides Island Water Assn., Inc. takes the safety of its drinking water very seriously and constantly works to ensure its quality.

Thank you,

Board of Directors and Staff of Rapides Island Water Association, Inc.

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