

# District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

Lead Service Line Replacement Report

Fiscal Year 2023

November 30, 2023



### LSLR Reporting Requirement

This report is required by Section 6019d of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020 ("Omnibus Act") (D.C. Official Code 34-2161 Reporting. The Omnibus Act requires DC Water to publish a lead water service line replacement report of the service lines replaced under DC Water's Capital Improvement Projects and Emergency Repair Replacements, or "CIPERR", and the District's "Lead Pipe Replacement Assistance Program" or "LPRAP" programs.

### Transparency Act - FY23

- 1. For the lead water service line replacements under D.C. Official Code 34-2158(a)(2):
  - a. The number of times that DC Water replaced a damaged or leaking water service line on public property and requested the consent of the private property owner to replace the portion of the lead water service line on private property:

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b. The number of private property owners that provided consent, did not provide consent, or did not respond to DC Water's request for consent within 30 days after delivery of the request described in D.C. Official Code 34-2158(a)(2)(C) for replacements performed to repair a damaged or leaking water service line in public space:

#### Provided consent - 122 Did not provide consent within 30 days – 3 Did not respond - 1

c. The number of locations, broken down by Ward and Advisory Neighborhood Commission, where DC Water replaced the portion of the lead water service line on public property but did not replace the portion of the lead water service line on private property:

Ward #	# Partials	ANC	# Partials
Ward 1	1	ANC 1C	1
Ward 2	1	ANC 2E	1
Ward 3	1	ANC 3C	1
Ward 4	2	ANC 4B	2
Ward 5	4	ANC 5C	2
		ANC 5E	2
Ward 6	14	ANC 6A	1
		ANC 6B	8
		ANC 6C	5
Ward 7	8	ANC 7B	2
		ANC 7C	5
		ANC 7E	1
Ward 8	0		0
Total			21



## Note: Service line counts are based on Lead or Galvanized Iron found on public and private property sides.

- 2. For the lead water service line replacement payment assistance program ("Program") established by D.C. Official Code 34-2159(b):
  - a. The number of contractors who submitted an invoice to DC Water under D.C. Official Code 34-2159(g)(1), broken down by:
    - i. Whether or not DC Water paid the contractor the amount of the discount; and
    - ii. The Ward and Advisory Neighborhood Commission in which the property is located:

There are two tables below. Table 1 includes 110 locations where DC Water paid the Contractors the exact amount of the DOEE approved discount. Table 2 includes 216 locations where the DOEE approved discount is different than the amount DC Water paid the Contractors.



 Table 1: 110 Cases where DC Water paid Contractors the exact amount of DOEE

 Discount

ANC	No. of Locations
1A	4
1C	3
1D	6
1E	8
2E	1
3A	1
3B	1
3C	2
3D	3
3E	3
4A	1
4B	3
4C	2
4D	7
4E	4
5B	6
5C	2
5D	10
5E	3
5F	6
6A	6
6B	5
6C	6
7D	3
7F	1
8A	11
8B	1
8D	1
Total	
Locations	110



Table 2: 216 Cases where DC Water paid Contractors an amount that is different than the amount of the DOEE Discount

ANC	No. of Locations
1A	8
1B	1
1C	5
1D	15
1E	8
2B	3
2D	1
2E	5
3/4G	10
3A	1
3C	8
3D	8
3E	7
4A	1
4B	11
4C	14
4D	13
4E	8
5A	1
5B	13
5C	2
5D	7
5E	12
5F	7
6A	13
6B	7
6C	5
7C	1
7D	15
8A	6
Total	240
Locations	216



b. The most common reasons that DC Water declined to pay a contractor the amount of the discount submitted under D.C. Official Code 34-2159(g)(1):

DC Water requires documentation to justify any change in cost; the Contractor must provide sufficient photos and a homeowner signature on the Payment Request form and Tap Card.

There were 216 Cases where the Contractor submitted an invoice that was more than or less than the amount approved by DOEE in the Benefit Confirmation Letter. The most common reasons include:

- The discount was approved for a lead service replacement, but copper pipe was found. The Contractor invoiced the cost of the test pit and DC Water paid the \$1,200 test pit discount.
- Variance in linear footage of pipe discovered upon construction.
- Contractor omission or inclusion of a third-party DCRA inspection on the invoice.
- One-time maintenance of traffic reimbursement.
- Curb Stop installation included in the Cost Proposal but was not invoiced as the curb stop was located during construction.
- c. As of September 30, of the preceding fiscal year, the number of residential property owners with lead water service lines located on their private property where the portion of the water service line on public property is not a lead water service line:

Pipe Material	Number of Service Lines
Lead	10,202
Galvanized Iron	519

d. The average number of days DC Water took to provide financial assistance to a contractor under the Program, from the date the contractor provided DC Water with an invoice to the date that DC Water paid the contractor the amount of the discount for which the residential property owner was approved:

## Out of the 326 cases paid in FY23, it took DC Water an average of 5 days to pay the Contractor from the time the invoice was received.

e. A description of efforts made by DC Water to publicize the availability of financial assistance through the Program, including a description of the total amount of expenditures by DC Water on such efforts:

# A mailer was prepared and distributed to 5,144 DC tenants and landlords. The mailer included information on the health impact of lead exposure, eligibility requirements, and steps for enrolling in LPRAP.

The mailing list was divided into 2 separate batches in September 2023. Printing, mailing, and postage costs were \$3,240.72.