



## Area Wide Water Purveyor Committee Announcement

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Developers, Architects, Engineers, Contractors and Waterworks Suppliers

**FROM:** The Area Wide Water Purveyor Committee

**SUBJECT:** NO LEAD BRASS REQUIREMENTS

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On January 4, 2011 President Obama signed into law the "Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act." This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act by limiting the lead content in waterworks brass to 0.25% maximum for products in contact with drinking water. The law takes effect on January 4, 2014 after which "leaded brass" will be illegal.

It will be illegal for a water purveyor to accept any leaded brass after January 3, 2014. In a discussion with the State of Nevada Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, the State defines "accept" as the point when a product containing waterworks brass has been installed and connected to the municipal distribution system, passed health sampling and pressure testing, even if the project has not yet been completed and turned over to the municipality for maintenance and operation. Additionally, if a leaded waterworks brass product has been installed, inspected and "accepted" prior to the January 4, 2014 changeover, if the same leaded waterworks brass is separated from the water distribution system for reasons that include, but are not limited to, adjustments, relocations or repairs (i.e., removing an angle meter stop to cut the service lateral down to the appropriate back of curb elevation) the leaded waterworks brass must be replaced with a new no lead brass product as that activity requires a new inspection by the water purveyor.

In order to be compliant with federal law, each water purveyor will accept an inspected, pressure tested and passing health sample leaded brass product until the **close of business on January 3, 2014.**

The Area Wide Water Purveyor Committee recognizes we cannot dictate the construction schedules of your projects but we strongly urge you to evaluate your projects and schedule your inspections to be able to meet the January 3, 2014 cutoff date for installation and inspection of the leaded waterworks brass. ***No exceptions will be granted under any circumstances starting January 4, 2014.*** If you have projects that are sitting incomplete due to the current economic conditions, you will be required to install and pass inspections on the leaded waterworks brass by the January 3, 2014 deadline. Any leaded waterworks brass that has not been inspected by the water purveyor and successfully passing required tests by the close of business on January 3, 2014, will be rejected and the contractor will be required to install the new no lead waterworks brass.

The requirement for the new no lead brass is **completely independent** of your plan approval date, which version of UDACS your plans were designed to comply with, any agreement or permit dates or extensions, etc. This is a federal mandate and completely out of the water purveyors' hands.

If you should have any questions regarding this memo, please feel free to contact your local water purveyor.