

October 7, 2025

CLYDE WAGNER
LATIMER ROAD WATER ASSOCIATION
7155 VAUGHN RD
TILLAMOOK, OR 97141

RE: Lead Action Level Exceedance
LATIMER ROAD WATER ASSOCIATION, (PWS OR4100881)

Dear CLYDE WAGNER:

Recent samples exceeded the action level of 0.015 mg/L for lead. Due to the health effects associated with exposure to lead, you must complete the actions specified in this letter as soon as possible and no later than the dates identified.

1. Immediately issue public notice and submit a copy by 10/18/2025 (already done);
2. Add lead information to water bill starting with next bill sent out.
3. Distribute Public Education. Certification that it was completed must be reported by 12/10/2025;
4. Collect WQP and demonstration tap samples in the next two 6-month monitoring periods reported by 7/10/2026 and 1/10/2027 respectively

These steps are described in more detail below:

1. Issue a public notice to all customers within 24 hours and submit a copy by 10/18/2025. A copy of the public notice template is enclosed. Methods to submit a copy of the public notice are provided in the letter (already done).
2. OAR 333-061-0034(5)(c)(B)(v) requires you to provide the following informational statement on or in each water bill (beginning with the next bill) and no less often than quarterly and as long as the lead action level is exceeded: “[PWS NAME] found high levels of lead in drinking water in some homes. Lead can cause serious health problems. For more information please call {PWS CONTACT and PHONE NUMBER or PWS WEBSITE (if applicable)}”. Remember to replace the information in all CAPS with the appropriate information for your system.

3. OAR 333-061-0034(5)(c)(B) requires that a lead public education (PE) brochure must be distributed to all customers by 11/30/2025. The PE brochure should be reviewed and approved by the regulatory agency prior to being sent out to customers. A final copy of the PE and a certification that the PE was distributed as required must be sent to Drinking Water Services (DWS) by 12/10/2025. Note: the PE must be distributed to all customers annually as long as the 90th percentile lead action level is exceeded.
4. Conduct two 6-month rounds of lead and copper tap monitoring at 10 sample sites. The first round must be collected between 1/1/2026 and 6/30/2026 and the results submitted to DWS by 7/10/2026. The second round must be collected between 7/1/2026 and 12/31/2026 and submitted to DWS by 1/10/2027.
5. Two rounds of water quality parameters (WQP) collected from the distribution system at a routine coliform sample site with each round of tap samples. These WQP samples must be collected 2 weeks apart and include pH and alkalinity. The pH should be analyzed directly in the field. The first two rounds must be submitted to DWS by 7/10/2026 and the second two rounds must be submitted to DWS by 1/10/2027.

If the action level for lead or copper continues to be exceeded during 6-month rounds of monitoring, the water supplier may be required to reassess if the current corrosion control treatment system is adequate or whether a different chemical treatment option should be considered.

Finally, a couple of requirements that apply to all systems regardless of test results:

You must notify those drinking the water at each location of the test results within 30 days of receiving them from the lab. A representative copy of the notice and certification of distribution must be submitted by 12/31/2025. The notification must also include the maximum contaminant level goal and the action level for lead with the definitions for these two terms, an explanation of the health effects of lead, a list of steps consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water and contact information for your water utility.

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) must include the 90th percentile value of the most recent round of sampling, the number of sample sites exceeding the action level, and the lead-specific information in OAR 333-061-0043(4)(c).

The rules for controlling lead and copper are extensive and complicated. Please contact Jaime Craig at (503) 842-3909 for assistance. Thank you for your prompt attention to these requirements.

Sincerely,

Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

Enclosure: Public notice template

Cc: Nicole Alfafara, DWS
Jaime Craig, TILLAMOOK CO HEALTH DEPT