



# COMMUNITY LEAD SAMPLING MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT LEAD SAMPLING REGULATION

## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

### **Backgrounder:**

Amendments made by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) to O. Reg. 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, call for the implementation of an extended lead-testing program designed to safeguard the quality of Ontario's drinking water. Under the terms of O.Reg 170/03, "the owner of the drinking water system" is responsible for undertaking community wide testing in order to:

- Identify lead levels that do not meet the regulated level set by the Ministry
- Implement corrosion control in order to reduce lead levels measured in residential plumbing
- Monitor the success of initiatives launched to reduce the concentration of lead

### **Community Lead Sampling:**

The Program consists of:

- Collecting samples from inside plumbing (at minimum 100 single family dwellings and 10 non-residences)
- Collecting samples in the distribution system, in close proximity to the samples collected at family dwellings and non-residences (at minimum 20 samples)

### **Candidates:**

Windsor Utilities Commission is seeking candidates that are:

- In areas with proposed watermain replacements
- Identified as possibly having lead service pipes

### **Proposed Target Areas:**

Other locations tested previously

Residents within the proposed target areas will receive a participation letter.

- Testing is voluntary.
- There is no cost to the customer/volunteer.
- All information is confidential.
- All sample collectors are certified operators and Windsor Utilities Commission employees

**Sampling Process:**

An *EnWiv* Utilities Ltd., staff member will arrange to visit your residence and collect two water samples from your kitchen tap. These samples will then be sent to an accredited lab for lead analysis. The results will be shared with you, the M.O.E.C.C and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

**Sampling Time Frame:**

Sampling would occur February 21 to March 17, 2017

**For further information regarding regulations, testing procedures, or sampling program, contact:**

Monica Reid, Compliance Coordinator at 519-251-7300 ext. 341.

**For further information on the Safe Drinking Water Act, please visit:**

[www.portal.gov.on.ca/ONT/portal61/drinkingwater/](http://www.portal.gov.on.ca/ONT/portal61/drinkingwater/)

**If you would like to participate in the Community Lead Sampling Program, please contact our Call Centre  
Tel: 519-255-2727 - select Option 3.**