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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently required all water systems in the United States to inventory all service lines in their respective distribution system/service territory for lead lines and/or galvanized lines that were downstream of lead. This information was to be submitted to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) by October 16, 2024.

In order to complete the required mandate by the deadline, Central Elmore Water & Sewer Authority (CEW&SA) reviewed all of our internal records; along with, the County property records to determine which structures within CEW&SA's service territory were built prior to the "State Lead Ban of 1989" to help give a targeted approach to the process. After reviewing the records, there were just over 5,000 structures identified that were built prior to the State Lead Ban in the CEW&SA service territory. CEW&SA technicians were sent out to field verify each of those services by looking in the meter box and by digging up the service lines to determine the material type.

CEW&SA has completed our inventory of all service lines; which includes; CEW&SA's customers' service lines as required by EPA. No lead service lines were found within our water system and we have no record of ever installing any lead service lines within our distribution system. CEW&SA can confidently state that after this process; to the best of our knowledge, CEW&SA does not have any lead or galvanized service lines requiring replacement in its distribution system.

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