## Staff Operations Item 1



# ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

April 3, 2024

TO: Jerome D. Schad, Chair

Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair Michele M. Ianello, Treasurer

FROM: Sabrina A. Figler, Director of Water Quality

SUBJECT: Return to EPA LCR Lead & Copper Reduced Monitoring

On February 9, 2023, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) returned ECWA to Standard Monitoring under the current EPA Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), effective January 1, 2023. LCR Standard Monitoring required the sampling of one hundred Tier One sites, or single-family residences, every 6 months. Fifty of these one hundred sites were required to be homes with a lead service line, fifty were required to be homes with copper with lead solder.

The NYSDOH, on March 12, 2024, notified ECWA that it had reviewed all records provided to them including ECWA's lead and copper tap sample monitoring results; water quality parameter (WQP) monitoring results; and corrosion control desktop evaluation, dated February 2020. Based on their review and recommendations from the corrosion control evaluation, the NYSDOH designated the optimal corrosion control treatment WQP's, for our system.

As a result of the new setting of optimal WQP's, or "OWQP's," effective immediately, the NYSDOH has returned ECWA to Reduced Lead and Copper Monitoring under the current LCR. This means ECWA is to sample 50 Tier One sites, or single-family homes, within one six-month period of June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-five of these fifty sites are required to be homes with a lead service line, and twenty-five are required to be homes with copper with lead solder.

The new SDWIS State Water Sample Schedule Report is attached with the new lead and copper sample requirement and new OWQP requirements highlighted.

cc: Charles Eaton, COO Lenard Kowalski, Executive Engineer Terry McKracken, Secretary

Due Contaminant (Group)/
2024 Sample Location/Frequency

**Last Compliance Results** 

Sample Requirements

Coliform, Total (TCR)

Location: Distribution System
Frequency: 210 Samples Monthly

210 Samples must be collected every month.

50 Samples must be collected by 6/30/2024

1 Sample must be collected every month.

1 Sample must be collected every month.

Sample must be collected by 12/31/2024

Alkalinity, Total

Location: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ID: DS-001 Frequency: 50 Samples Every 6 months

Sample Point: GENERAL DISTRIBUTIO Sample Point No.: DS-001

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Samples must be collected from 25 distribution system locations twice during each monitoring period. Samples must be analyzed for pH and alkalinity. Sample locations shall be representative of water throughout the distribution system. These are not first draw samples and do not need to be collected from lead and copper sample sites.

**✓** Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001

Frequency: 1 Sample Monthly Sample Point: RAW WATER Sample Point No.: TOC-ALK-1

Sample Point Type: RW-Raw Water Source

The raw water sample must be collected at the same time as the raw water TOC sample.

Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002

Frequency: 1 Sample Monthly
Sample Point: RAW WATER
Sample Point No.: TOC/ALK-2

Sample Point Type: RW-Raw Water Source

The raw water sample must be collected at the same time as the raw water TOC sample.

Asbestos

**✓** Location: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ID: DS-001

Frequency: 1 Sample Every 9 years
Sample Point: GENERAL DISTRIBUTIO

Sample Point No.: DS-001

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

You are required to take a sample from each area served by asbestos-cement pipe and have it

analyzed for asbestos.

**Nitrate** 

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✓ Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001

Frequency: 1 Sample Yearly

Sample Point: VAN DE WATER WTP Sample Point No.: EP-001 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

✓ Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002

Frequency: 1 Sample Yearly

Sample Point: STURGEON POINT WTP Sample Point No.: EP-002 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point Samples last collected: 7/31/2023

Samples last collected:

7/31/2023

Samples last collected:

12/22/2015

Sample must be collected by 12/31/2024

Sample must be collected by 12/31/2024

Part 5-1.42 and 5-1.47 - Lead and Copper

Location: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ID: DS-001

Frequency: 50 Samples Yearly

105 Samples Collected on or Before: 11/8/2023

Next 50 samples must be collected between 6/1 and 9/30 within a single year by 9/30/2024

Due Contaminant (Group)/

## 2024 Sample Location/Frequency

### **Last Compliance Results**

Sample Requirements

Samples must be collected from the same sample points, listed in your monitoring plan, during each round of monitoring or ECHD notified of changes prior to sampling. The rule requires that the sample size for these samples be 1000 ml. Please confirm with your laboratory that you have received the correct bottles and that they are 1000 ml. Any samples taken in sample bottles that are less than 1000 ml will not count towards your compliance monitoring.

#### Part 5-1.52 Table 8B - Primary Inorganic Chemicals

Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001

Frequency: 1 Sample Yearly

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Sample Point: VAN DE WATER WTP

Sample Point No.: EP-001
Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002

Frequency: 1 Sample Yearly

Sample Point: STURGEON POINT WTP

Sample Point No.: EP-002 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point Samples last collected: 10/19/2023

Sample must be collected by 12/31/2024

Samples last collected:

Sample must be collected by 12/31/2024

10/19/2023

### Part 5-1.52 Table 9A - Disinfection Byproducts/Stage 2

Location: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ID: DS-001 Frequency: 12 Samples Quarterly

Sample Point: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Sample Point No.: LRAA1369

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample Point: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM Sample Point No.: LRAA1370

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample Point: ORCHARD PARK; 3330 BAKER RD

Sample Point No.: LRAA291

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample Point: LACKAWANNA; 1630 ABBOTT RD

Sample Point No.: LRAA340

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample Point: NEWSTEAD; 11587 RAPIDS RD

Sample Point No.: LRAA393

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample Point: EDEN; EAST EDEN RD

Sample Point No.: LRAA402

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System
Sample Point: ORCHARD PARK; BENNING RD

Sample Point No.: LRAA433

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample Point: BOSTON; ZIMMERMAN RD

Sample Point No.: LRAA484

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System
Sample Point: MARILLA; 11633 CLINTON ST

Sample Point No.: LRAA491

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample Point: CONCORD; TREVETT RD

Sample Point No.: LRAA523

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample Point: TONAWANDA; 150 NIAGARA ST

Sample Point No.: LRAA527

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Samples last collected: 12 Samples must be collected each calendar 11/20/2023 quarter.

Due Contaminant (Group)/

2024 Sample Location/Frequency

**Last Compliance Results** 

Sample Requirements

Sample Point: BOSTON; 7684 WOHLHUETER RD

Sample Point No.: LRAA530

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

Sample must be taken in the same week of February, May, August and November of each year per

your Stage 2 DBP monitoring plan.

Part 5-1.52 Table 9B - Principal Organic Chemicals

Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001

Frequency: 1 Sample Yearly

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Sample Point: VAN DE WATER WTP Sample Point No.: EP-001 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002

Frequency: 1 Sample Yearly

Sample Point: STURGEON POINT WTP Sample Point No.: EP-002 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Samples last collected: 2/17/2023

2/17/2023

Sample must be collected by 12/31/2024

Samples last collected: Sample must be collected by 12/31/2024

Part 5-1.52 Table 9C - PFOA, PFOS and 1,4-Dioxane

**V** Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001

Frequency: 1 Sample Quarterly

Sample Point: VAN DE WATER WTP Sample Point No.: EP-001 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002

Frequency: 1 Sample Quarterly

Sample Point: STURGEON POINT WTP

Sample Point No.: EP-002 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point Samples last collected: 10/23/2023

1 Sample must be collected each calendar

quarter.

Samples last collected: 1 Sample must be collected each calendar 10/23/2023 quarter.

Part 5-145(c) - Lead and Copper Water Quality Parameters

**/** Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001 Frequency: 1 Sample Every two weeks

Sample Point: VAN DE WATER WTP Sample Point No.: EP-001 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Samples must be analyzed for pH and alkalinity. Designated range for pH is 7.4 - 8.4 (8.0 goal) per

notice from BWSP dated 3/12/24.

Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002 Frequency: 1 Sample Every two weeks

Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Sample Point: STURGEON POINT WTP Sample Point No.: EP-002

Samples must be analyzed for pH and alkalinity. Designated range for pH is 7.4 - 8.4 (8.0 goal) per notice from BWSP dated 3/12/24.

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**V** Location: DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ID: DS-001

> Frequency: 50 Samples Every 6 months Sample Point: GENERAL DISTRIBUTIO

Sample Point No.: DS-001

Sample Point Type: DS-Distribution System

50 Samples must be collected by 6/30/2024

Due Contaminant (Group)/

## 2024 Sample Location/Frequency

#### **Last Compliance Results**

Sample Requirements

Samples must be collected from 25 distribution system locations twice during each monitoring period. Samples must be analyzed for pH and alkalinity. Sample locations shall be representative of water throughout the distribution system. These are not first draw samples and do not need to be collected from lead and copper sample sites. Designated range for pH is 7.4 - 8.4 (8.0 goal) per notice from BWSP dated 3/12/24.

### **Total Organic Carbon (Toc)**

✓ Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001

2 Samples must be collected every month.

Frequency: 2 Samples Monthly
Sample Point: FINISHED WATER
Sample Point No.: TOC-1

Sample Point Type: PC-Process Control

Sample Point: RAW WATER Sample Point No.: TOC-ALK-1

Sample Point Type: RW-Raw Water Source

Raw water sample shall be collected prior to treatment. The finished water sample must be taken no

later than the point of combined filter effluent turbidity monitoring.

✓ Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002

2 Samples must be collected every month.

Next sample must be collected by 12/31/2028

Next sample must be collected by 12/31/2028

Frequency: 2 Samples Monthly Sample Point: RAW WATER Sample Point No.: TOC/ALK-2

Sample Point Type: RW-Raw Water Source

Sample Point: FINISHED WATER Sample Point No.: TOC-2

Sample Point Type: PC-Process Control

Raw water sample shall be collected prior to treatment. The finished water sample must be taken no later than the point of combined filter effluent turbidity monitoring.

#### Part 5-1.52 Table 12 - Radiological

Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001

Frequency: 1 Sample Every 9 years
Sample Point: VAN DE WATER WTP
Sample Point No.: EP-001

Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Must sample for Gross Alpha, Radium-226 and Radium 228. If the Gross Alpha result is greater than

15pCi/L then you must also sample for Uranium. Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002

Frequency: 1 Sample Every 9 years

Sample Point: STURGEON POINT WTP Sample Point No.: EP-002 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Must sample for Gross Alpha, Radium-226 and Radium 228. If the Gross Alpha result is greater than

15pCi/L then you must also sample for Uranium.

#### Part 5-1.52 Table 9C - Synthetic Organic Chemicals

Location: VAN DE WATER WTP ID: TP-001

Frequency: 1 Sample Every 18 Months
Sample Point: VAN DE WATER WTP

Sample Point No.: EP-001

Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Samples last collected:

Next sample must be collected by 6/30/2025

3/27/2023

Samples last collected:

7/24/2019

Samples last collected:

7/24/2019

Please note that New York State has granted a general waiver from monitoring diquat, endothall, and glyphosate. In addition all surface water systems in the state have been granted a waiver from

monitoring of EDB (ethylene dibromide) and DBCP (1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane).

Location: STURGEON POINT WTP ID: TP-002

Samples last collected:

Next sample must be collected by 6/30/2025

Frequency: 1 Sample Every 18 Months

3/27/2023

Due Contaminant (Group)/ 2024 Sample Location/Frequency

**Last Compliance Results** 

**Sample Requirements** 

Sample Point: STURGEON POINT WTP Sample Point No.: EP-002 Sample Point Type: EP-Entry Point

Please note that New York State has granted a general waiver from monitoring diquat, endothall, and glyphosate. In addition all surface water systems in the state have been granted a waiver from monitoring of EDB (ethylene dibromide) and DBCP (1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane).