



# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Ald. Jim Bohl  
**From:** Aaron Cadle – Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
**Date:** October 6, 2016  
**Subject:** 2017 Budget Items to Address Lead in Drinking Water

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This memo identifies items in the 2017 Proposed Milwaukee Water Works Budget associated with lead in drinking water. All projected expenditures are from operations (no capital spending), and are associated with the replacement of lead service lines.

The Milwaukee Water Works plans to spend approximately \$6.5 million in 2017 to replace lead service lines as follow:

- 1) \$3.4 million to replace lead service lines for approximately 385 daycare facilities and some schools:
  - \$1.8 million in Milwaukee Water Works operating spending to replace the City-owned portion of lead service lines replaced.
  - \$1.6 million in State funding for the non-City-owned portion of lead service lines replaced.
- 2) \$2.8 million for 300 “emergency” lead service line replacements anticipated in 2017 relating to service line failures:
  - \$1.8 million in Milwaukee Water Works operating spending to replace the City-owned portion of lead service lines replaced.
  - \$1.0 million in State funding for the non-City-owned portion of lead service lines replaced.
- 3) \$120,000 – Construction supervisor
- 4) \$100,000 – Water quality chemist
- 5) \$100,000 – Program to warn customers of the possible risks of increased lead concentration in the water after service line repair. Supplies (including temporary pitcher-type filters) will also be provided to properties where lead service lines are replaced.

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