

**144.382 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 144.381 to 144.387, the following terms have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the state commissioner of health.

Subd. 2a. **Connector.** "Connector" means gooseneck, pigtail, and other service line connectors. A connector is typically a short section of piping not exceeding two feet that can be bent and used for connections between rigid service piping.

Subd. 3. **Federal regulations.** "Federal regulations" means rules promulgated by the federal environmental protection agency, or its successor agencies.

Subd. 3a. **Galvanized requiring replacement.** "Galvanized requiring replacement" means a galvanized service line that is or was at any time connected to a lead service line or lead status unknown service line, or is currently or was previously affixed to a lead connector. The majority of galvanized service lines fall under this category.

Subd. 3b. **Galvanized service line.** "Galvanized service line" means a service line made of iron or piping that has been dipped in zinc to prevent corrosion and rusting.

Subd. 3c. **Lead connector.** "Lead connector" means a connector made of lead.

Subd. 3d. **Lead service line.** "Lead service line" means a portion of pipe that is made of lead, which connects the water main to the building inlet. A lead service line may be owned by the water system, by the property owner, or both.

Subd. 3e. **Lead status unknown service line or unknown service line.** "Lead status unknown service line" or "unknown service line" means a service line that has not been demonstrated to meet or does not meet the definition of lead free in section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Subd. 3f. **Nonlead service line.** "Nonlead service line" means a service line determined through an evidence-based record, method, or technique not to be a lead service line or galvanized service line requiring replacement. Most nonlead service lines are made of copper or plastic.

Subd. 4. **Public water supply.** "Public water supply" has the meaning given to "public water system" in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, United States Code, title 42, section 300f, clause (4).

Subd. 4a. **Service line.** "Service line" means a portion of pipe that connects the water main to the building inlet. A service line may be owned by the water system, by the property owner, or both. A service line may be made of many materials, such as lead, copper, galvanized steel, or plastic.

Subd. 5. **Supplier.** "Supplier" means a person who owns, manages or operates a public water supply.

**History:** 1977 c 66 s 2; 1977 c 305 s 45; 1999 c 18 s 1; 2023 c 70 art 3 s 6-13