



## Virginia School Plant Management Association Quick Reference : *Implementation of SB 1359, Code of Virginia Section 22.1-135.1*

### **Background:**

On March 20, 2017, the General Assembly of Virginia enacted SB 1359, adding section 22.1-135.1 to the Code of Virginia. This requires each local school board to develop and implement a plan to test and, if necessary, remediate lead from high priority potable water sources.

### **Action:**

As the professional organization and voice of Virginia K12 facility leaders, the Virginia School Plant Management Association (VSPMA) consulted with stakeholders and leaders in the Commonwealth of Virginia for clarification of the amendment. Based on discussions generated at an October 16, 2017 forum, the VSPMA is making recommendations in the following areas: Procedure and frequency; sample size and threshold; and documentation and reporting. For further information please visit [www.vspma.com](http://www.vspma.com) {"VSPMA Whitepaper *Virginia Public Schools Strategy for Consistent and Successful Compliance with Potable Water Lead Testing*" December 2017}.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **Procedure and Frequency**

- Initial testing per EPA "*3T's for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools*".
- Schools built before 1986 are designated as High Priority for testing
- Sample areas include: Drinking fountains (both bubbler and water cooler style), kitchen sinks, classroom combination sinks and drinking fountains, home economic rooms sinks, teacher's lounge sink, nurse's office sink, classroom sinks in special education classrooms, any sink known to be or visibly used for consumption (eg, coffee maker or cups are nearby), ice machine water sources and fixture.
- Following initial testing, additional testing is recommended at a frequency to be reflected in the local school plan and at the discretion of the local school board

#### **Sample Size and threshold**

- Sample size of 250 ml
- Trigger for additional testing and/or remediation is 20 ppb
- Schools may establish a more stringent trigger

#### **Documentation and Reporting**

- Documentation and records of testing and results to be retained by the local school division
- Documentation and records to be made available to the Department of Health and the Department of Education on request