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East Allen Water Works Customers,

East Allen Water Works (EAWW) quality meets all federal and state guidelines when it leaves the treatment plants. When lead is found in drinking water, it is usually because water has come into contact with lead in pipes and plumbing.

EAWW was constructed in 1984. While there wasn't a formal "Lead and Copper Rule" established in 1984, this timeframe is significant because it marked a key step towards stricter lead regulations in drinking water, many states were enacting laws around this time to ban lead solder in plumbing, which was a major contributor to lead contamination in drinking water; the official "Lead and Copper Rule" was later established by the EPA in 1991 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, setting specific limits on lead and copper levels in public drinking water at the consumer tap.

In 1988, Louisiana began enforcing a federal rule that prohibited the installation of new lead service pipes for public water systems and plumbing facilities that provide water for human consumption. The rule was part of the Safe Drinking Water Act, which was amended in 1986 to prohibit the use of lead-containing pipes and solder. However, the rule did not require the removal of existing lead infrastructure.

Homes built after 1988 with a new water connection should not have lead service lines. Homes built before 1988 may have lead service lines, especially if they were built before copper service lines became popular in the 1960s.

When contracts were drawn up and plans made to build EAWW system, PVC pipe was the material listed in contracts and were approved by the Department of Health & Hospitals. This information is supplied in the Specifications and Contract Documents for Water Treatment and Pumping Plant & Office Buildings Contract II and the Engineer's Report for East Allen Parish Waterworks District. In addition to the contract and report, correspondence from the State of Louisiana, Department of Health and Human Resources, Office of Preventive and Public Health Services stating that the plans and specifications, including Contract II, have been reviewed and found to be in substantial conformity with applicable provisions of the State Sanitary Code. The design is, therefore, approved. This document was signed and dated December 20, 1984.

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