



Water Operators/ Water Systems

We know you are passionate about ensuring safe and clean drinking water for the betterment of your community. That's why we're asking for your cooperation in participating in the SipSafe Program! The goal of SipSafe is to test water in elementary schools and childcare centers across Mississippi to reduce and prevent lead exposure in children. Additionally, the sample results obtained by the SipSafe team can be used in the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) requirements for local water systems.

Why Participate?

1. **Convenience:** SipSafe can visit your facilities and sample the necessary fixtures before you conduct your own mandatory LCRI sampling. This gives you time to focus on other tasks without dedicating your resources to the lead sampling process.
2. **Protect Public Health:** Your cooperation is vital in identifying and addressing lead levels in our water systems, so we can help safeguard the health of our communities. Your involvement will have a positive impact on the well-being of families and individual children by ensuring access to clean, lead-free drinking water.
3. **Financial Benefits:** If a sample tests over the EPA Lead Action Level, then SipSafe will help remediate the issue with the facility and can help with remediation funding if necessary.
4. **Contribute to Research:** Join a collective effort to gather essential data on lead levels and contribute to a statewide research initiative to improve water quality standards. All samples will be tested at an EPA and State of Mississippi-certified chemical laboratory.
5. **Collaborate with Experts:** Work alongside environmental scientists, water quality specialists, and public health professionals to make a tangible impact.
6. **Professional Development:** Gain recognition as a leader in promoting safe drinking water.

The Lead and Copper Rule Improvements allow samples collected by the SipSafe team to fulfill the requirement of sampling 20% of facilities each year (a total of 100% over five years) as mandated by the EPA. This would allow your water system to focus its labor efforts on more critical needs.

Do not miss this opportunity to be a part of a statewide effort to ensure the safety of our drinking water. Together, let us lead the way to cleaner and healthier communities!

For more information or to schedule a facility visit, contact Justin Palmer at 662-325-0520, justin.palmer@msstate.edu, or visit sipsafe/extension.msstate.edu.

Let's make a splash in water quality together!

