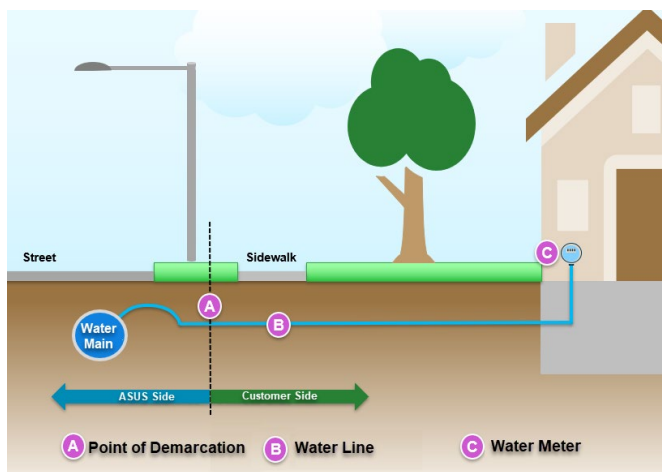


## Public Education Notice: Important Information Regarding Upcoming Changes and Notifications for Lead & Copper at Eglin AFB, FL



*This is a typical layout for a service line between a distribution main and your home. ASUS maintains the distribution system from the Main to Point A; while the installation and/or BBC Housing is responsible for everything past that point into the home. The LSLI effort includes everything from the main to the foundation.*

### **What Is It?**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will soon be moving into its next phase of the Lead Service Line Inventory effort (LSLI), which requires every Public Water System (PWS) to submit a system inventory of its service lines and notify customers of any potential lead sources in their drinking water.

American States Utility Services, Inc. (ASUS) is partnering with Eglin Air Force Base to go above and beyond these requirements by tracking additional components and materials in our service lines that may contain traces of lead as well as public notification, awareness, and education guidelines. Additionally, we are implementing an aggressive replacement

program which exceeds the EPA's requirements for identification and replacement with the goal of continuing to provide safe drinking water to all residents and base personnel.

### **What's Been Done So Far?**

ASUS has completed its system-wide assessment for each of our water distribution systems over the past 24 months and has submitted these results to the EPA and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for each of the PWS's at Eglin. As a result of our Lead Service Line Inventory actions, we were unable to verify some of the water lines throughout the water system. These water service lines have been categorized as "unknown" until physical verifications can be made. These verifications will begin in CY 2025. This means that some joints and other components may contain traces of lead. Galvanized pipe is also being tracked as it can absorb and retain lead particles from previously connected lead pipes in the past. All of these potential sources for lead are being evaluated, categorized, and will be replaced as needed in future projects in a joint effort between all the Eglin Air Force Base stakeholders and ASUS.

### **What's Next?**

If your service line is one that could potentially contain lead components, you will be notified directly within the coming weeks and be provided with additional information on how to minimize the potential for exposure of lead in your water. The EPA also has resources available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

ASUS will continue to test for and monitor for contaminants and is proud to report that our completed LSLI found no lead service lines in the Eglin Water Distribution Systems. The system's water quality reports can be found on the ASUS Website here: <https://www.asusinc.com/water-quality-reports/>