



In partnership with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)

How Water Systems Can Leverage the Tennessee Lead Testing Program for LCRI Compliance

Summary

- ✓ Starting in November 2027, systems must offer leading in drinking water sampling to **all schools and child care facilities** they serve
- ✓ Facilities tested through the free LTSCC Program can be **waived from water system testing**
- ✓ LTSCC testing **meets and exceeds** all EPA LCRI requirements for schools and child care facilities

What is the LTSCC Program?

The Tennessee Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Centers (LTSCC) Program, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Water Infrastructure for the Nations (WIIN) Act, offers **free lead in drinking water testing** to public schools and licensed child care centers statewide.

The program follows EPA's 3Ts guidance—Training, Testing, and Taking Action—to test for lead in drinking water and take action to **reduce lead exposure where children are served**.

Water System School and Child Care Sampling Requirements Under LCRI

In October 2024, the EPA finalized the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). Public water systems will need to:

- Submit a full list of schools and child care centers served by Nov 1, 2027, and update it every five years;
- Offer sampling to all elementary schools (public and private) and child care facilities (both centers and in-home providers) via two good faith outreach attempts;
- Sample 20% of elementary schools and child care facilities annually over a five-year period (5 samples per school, 2 per child care center);
- Annually notify secondary schools about the availability of sampling and provide lead education materials

How Can the LTSCC Program Help You?

- **LCRI Compliance:** All sampling conducted under the LTSCC Program is available to eligible facilities **at no cost** and meets the requirements outlined in the LCRI for school and child care facility sampling.

Did You Know?

Under WIIN programs, facilities are encouraged to test **all** drinking water sources used for consumption, which often exceeds the number of samples required for LCRI school and child care.

Facility Eligibility

Private schools and in-home child care providers are not eligible for the LTSCC Program but must be included in LCRI sampling efforts.

- **Data Collection:** Once your system is up and running, you can use our public results portal to check whether any facilities in your service area have already been tested through the LTSCC Program. You can download a list of participating facilities in your city or search for individual sites by name.

Let's Connect

The LTSCC Program team is available to:

- Provide a program overview
- Answer questions about leveraging the program for LCRI compliance
- Explore ways to collaborate and encourage participation among facilities you serve

Contact Us By:

- Calling our helpline at (865) 213-3284
- Emailing info@tnleadtesting.org
- Visiting tnleadtesting.org

*For LTSCC Program resources and promotional materials, **scan the QR code** or **visit** bit.ly_LTSCCResources*



*To schedule a meeting with the LTSCC Program team to learn more, **scan the QR code** or **visit** bit.ly_TNLTSCC*



Thank you for your commitment to helping reduce childhood lead exposure!