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PEOPLE SERVED 4,452	SERVICE CONNECTIONS 4,000	LINES REPORTED TO EPA 1,455	LEAD STATUS UNKNOWN 100.0%
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EPA's records list all 1,455 service lines at Town of Beaufort as lead status unknown, so your baseline inventory and replacement plan are due November 1, 2027.

1. Service lines on EPA's record

CATEGORY	LINES	SHARE
Lead	0	0.0%
Galvanized requiring replacement	0	0.0%
Lead status unknown	1,455	100.0%
Non-lead	0	0.0%
Total reported	1,455	100%

Source: EPA SDWIS Federal Reports, Service Line Inventory export, 2026 third quarter. Your own records may be newer than EPA's copy.

2. What is due by November 1, 2027

By November 1, 2027, the state needs a baseline inventory of all 1,455 service lines and their connectors, plus a replacement plan, because 1,455 of them are lead, galvanized requiring replacement or unknown.

- The baseline inventory adds a connector entry for every line (lead, non-lead, unknown or none present), which the 2024 initial inventory did not ask for.
- Customers on a lead, galvanized requiring replacement or unknown line keep getting a yearly notice, as they have since 2024.
- The first inventory deadline was enforced: in 2024, 3,902 public water systems had a violation for missing it.

Rule text: 40 CFR 141.84(a)(2) and (c); notices, 40 CFR 141.85(e). Violation count: EPA National Public Water Systems Compliance Report, 2024.

3. Paying for it

NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure, DWSRF lead service line (LSLR) funding. DEQ's page lists developing or updating lead service line inventories as eligible; applications are rolling, next due November 2, 2026 (award December 9). Per the FY2025 IUP: at least half the fund reserved for inventory projects, no engineering report needed for them, and 25% to 100% principal forgiveness for disadvantaged systems. 2027 cut-offs not yet posted. Next deadline we know of: November 2, 2026.

Source: <https://www.deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/lead-service-line-replacement-lslr-funding>. EPA says State Revolving Fund lead service line money can pay for an inventory whether or not lead turns up (SRF Questions and Answers 9.13, October 2025). Each state sets who qualifies; ask your state's fund office.

4. Next step

With 4,000 service connections, Town of Beaufort falls in the 3,301 to 10,000 service connections size: the inventory and replacement plan kit is a fixed US\$6,900, invoiced after delivery, net 30. The full gap check, also free, adds your state's published inventory and sorts the unknown lines by the cheapest way to settle each one. Reply to the email this came with to ask for it.

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