

# Guide for Small Community Water Suppliers and Local Health Officials on Lead in Drinking Water

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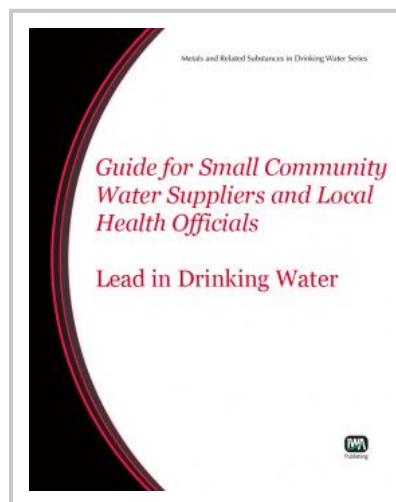
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This **Guide for Small Community Water Suppliers and Local Health Officials** explains why lead in drinking water may still be a threat to public health in small communities. It is aimed at Local Health Officials and the operators of drinking water supply systems that serve small communities. Its objectives are to raise awareness, to provide a basis for assessing the extent of problems, and to identify control options.



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