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MassDEP Drinking Water Program

Instructions for use of the Service Line Inventory Excel Workbook Template for Systems WITHOUT Split Ownership of Service Lines

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Important Notes

If your system is using the Service Line Inventory Excel Workbook for Community Systems with split ownership service lines you may continue to use that version of the service line inventory template. This new version is an optional version of the service line inventory template meant for a small number of systems that don't have split ownership (public vs. private side) of service lines.

System Requirements

The Service Line Inventory Workbook has been tested to function on the following:

- Operating System: Windows 10
- Excel Version: Office 365, Excel version 2401 (Build 17231.20290)

Note:

- The Service Line Inventory Workbook is NOT compatible with the Macintosh version of Excel.
- The Service Line Inventory Workbook is NOT compatible with the online version of Excel, i.e. Excel for the web. You should use only the Desktop version of Excel.

Download the Excel Service Line Inventory Workbook

You should download the most recent version of the Service Line Inventory Workbook from the mass.gov website at https://mass.gov/doc/service-line-inventory-excel-workbook-for-systems-with-no-split-ownership-of-service-lines/.

The workbook contains macros. After downloading the file, you will likely need to unblock the file so the macros can run. You can unblock the file by right-clicking the file, selecting "Properties", and then clicking on the "Unblock" checkbox as seen in the image to the right.

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Opening the File

Open the file by double-clicking the file. You will need to enable macros for the Service Line Inventory Workbook to function. If you see an alert like the one pictured below, click "Enable Content" to enable the macros to run.

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Figure 1 - Enable Macros

Initial Configuration of Settings

- 1. Right-click in any cell of the INVENTORY worksheet.
- 2. Select *MassDEP PWS Information* from the context menu.
- 3. The PWS Information form (as seen below) will be displayed.
- Enter your seven-digit PWS ID #. A list of all active public water systems, and their PWS ID #s, can be found on the Mass.gov website at https://www.mass.gov/media/831461. This is a required field that must be filled out. This value is used in the export file that gets generated from this tool.
- 5. If 20% or more of the structures served by the PWS are multi-family residences then select the checkbox, otherwise leave it unchecked. It is important to answer this accurately. It will be used in the macro to calculate the sampling site tier on the INVENTORY worksheet.
- 6. Click the Save button.

Figure 2 - Entering Your PWS Information

DENTIFIER	LCR SAMPLING LOCATION?	(GOOSENECK / PIGTAIL) CURRENTLY	CONNECTOR (GOOSENECK /PIGTAIL) MATERIAL	CURRENT PUBLIC SERVICE LINE MATERIAL	SERVICE LINE MATERIAL EVER PREVIOUSLY	PUBLIC SERVICE LINE SIZE (inches)	PUBLIC SERVICE LINE INSTALL DATE (YYYY)	CURRENT PRIVATE SERVICE LINE MATERIAL
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Populating Cell Values

Using the MassDEP – Inventory Column Options context menu

Most of the columns of the INVENTORY worksheet have a context menu from which valid values can be chosen, similar to selecting from a dropdown list. The context menu can be accessed by right-clicking in any cell from a row greater than row #2. From the context menu, hover over the **DEP: Inventory Col. Options** menu option, and then the column, and then select the applicable response, as seen below in Figure 3. **Only those options that are valid for the active/current cell will be selectable, all other options will be "greyed out".**

Figure 3- Column Options Context Menu

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				Get Data from Table/Range		-						
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The table below lists the columns for which the Inventory Column Options context menu is available, along with the available values for the column. Some columns trigger calculations/actions and are denoted by ‡.

Column Letter	Column Name	Options in Context Menu	CSV Header Name	Data Column Description
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	version	Leave this value blank if not using the Excel Materials Inventory Workbook from MassDEP Drinking Water Program.
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	pws_id	The seven-digit PWS ID # of the system.
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	mf_gt_twenty	If more than 20% of the structures served by the PWS are multiple family residences then "Y", otherwise "N".
A	SITE_ID	Not Applicable	site_id	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
В	LOCATIONAL IDENTIFIER	Not Applicable	locational_identifier	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
С	CONNECTOR (GOOSENECK/PIGTAIL) CURRENTLY PRESENT?	(YES) – Yes, Known with Certainty (NO) – No, Known with Certainty (UNK) – Unknown, Not Known with Certainty	connector_present	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
D	CONNECTOR (GOOSENECK/PIGTAIL) MATERIAL	 (L) - Lead (C) - Copper (B) - Brass (S) - Steel (PVC) - Plastic (PVC) (HDPE) - Plastic (HDPE) (O) - Other, Does not contain lead or lead solder (UNK-NOLG) - Unknown, definitely does not contain lead or galvanized 	connector_material	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.

Column Letter	Column Name	Options in Context Menu	CSV Header Name	Data Column Description
E	IS THE SERVICE LINE COMPRISED OF MULTIPLE MATERIALS?	YES NO	multiple_materials	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
F	CURRENT BUILDING SERVICE LINE MATERIAL (1) – UPSTREAM	 (L) – Confirmed Lead (C) – Confirmed Copper (G) – Confirmed Galvanized (PVC) – Plastic (PVC) (HDPE) – Plastic (HDPE) (DI) - Ductile Iron (CI-L) - Lined Cast Iron (CI-U) - Unlined Cast Iron (B) – Brass (OTH) – Other, definitely does not contain lead or galvanized (UNK-LG) - Unknown, may contain lead and/or galvanized (UNK-NOLG) - Unknown, definitely does not contain lead or galvanized 	current_sl_material_one	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
G	CURRENT BUILDING SERVICE LINE MATERIAL (2) – UPSTREAM	* See options for column F	current_sl_material_two	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
Н	WAS THE BUILDING SERVICE LINE MATERIAL (1), COLUMN F, EVER PREVIOUSLY LEAD?	(YES) - Yes, Known with Certainty (NO) - No, Known with Certainty (UNK) - Unknown, Not Known with Certainty	sl_prev_lead	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
I	BUILDING SERVICE LINE INSTALL DATE (YYYY)	(PLB) - Pre lead ban (<= 1985) (ALB) - After lead ban (>= 1986)	sl_install_date	In addition to the context menu options: • Any four-digit year Any decade adhering to the format YYYY's or YYYYs, e.g. 1920's or 1920s See worksheet "COLUMN

Column Letter	Column Name	Options in Context Menu	CSV Header Name	Data Column Description
				DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook for additional information.
J	VERIFICATION METHOD	(F) - Field Inspection by PWS (V) - Records Review (A) - Statistical Analysis (C) - Customer Self-Identification (S) - Sequential Monitoring (O) - Other MassDEP-Approved Method	verification_method	If more than one method was used pick the most accurate/highest verification method.Field Inspection by PWS: This is considered the most accurate verification method that uses a physical and visual inspection by a trained staff person. Typically, at the time of meter replacement, service line replacement, or special inspections such as pot holing and vacuum excavation.Records Review: This verification method includes review of PWS current or past records. Including Tap/tie cards, distribution system main replacement or leak detection or any projects where service line material may have been recorded by PWS. Other potential sources of information in a community might include plumbing and building permits, or inspectional services records, or year of construction.
				Statistical Analysis: This verification method a qualified

Column Letter	Column Name	Options in Context Menu	CSV Header Name	Data Column Description
				consultant uses statistical
				modeling and machine learning
				to predict the presence of lead
				service lines saving time and
				resources looking for lead
				service lines.
				Customer Self-Identification:
				This verification method uses
				information collected from
				building occupants, and typically
				in includes photos of the service
				line. The MassDEP
				Crowdsourcing application or a
				similar software solution can be
				used to collect the and verify the
				information.
				Sequential Monitoring: This
				verification method can be used
				if the physical inspections,
				records review or statistical
				analysis are not feasible. This
				method employs a process of
				taking five 1-liter samples and
				analyzing the samples for lead to
				determine if the service line is
				likely lead.
				Other MassDEP-Approved
				Method: Alternative methods.
				Examples – electrical resistance
				acoustic wave, eddy current,
				other technologies that may be
				developed. DEP can and will

Column Letter	Column Name	Options in Context Menu	CSV Header Name	Data Column Description
				review these approaches for validity and accuracy.
				See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook for additional information.
K	OTHER MASSDEP APPROVED VERIFICATION METHOD		other_verification_method	Describe the other MassDEP- Approved verification method or, if more than one verification method listed in Column N Options was used, then list the method(s) in this column. See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook for additional
L	ENTIRE SERVICE LINE CLASSIFICATION	‡ Calculate Entire Service Line	entire_service_line_classification	information. ‡ This is an auto-calculated column. You can also manually trigger the calculation by selecting one or more of the cells in the column for ENTIRE SERVICE LINE CLASSIFICATION and then right-click. From the context menu select DEP: Inventory Col. Options > Column L > Calculate Entire Service Line. * We do not recommend typing
				* We do not recommend typing values into this field, and instead use the "Calculate Entire Service Line" command to calculate the value for you.

Column Letter	Column Name	Options in Context Menu	CSV Header Name	Data Column Description
М	SERVICE LINE CURRENT USE	(P) – Potable (NP) – Non-Potable	sl_current_use	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
N	COMMENTS		comments	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
0	BUILDING SERVICE LINE SIZE	3/8" 1/2" 5/8" 3/4" 1" 1 1/4" 1 1/2" 1 3/4" 2" 3" 4" 5" 6" 8" 10" 12" 14" 16" (OTH) - Other	sl_size	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
Ρ	BUILDING TYPE	 (SF) - Single-Family Residence (MF) - Multi-Person Dwelling (SCH/CC) - School/Child Care Center (RES/CC) - Residential & In-Home Child Care (NONRES) - Nonresidential, Non- School, Non-Childcare (MIX) - Mixed Residential & Nonresidential 	building_type	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.

Column Letter	Column Name	Options in Context Menu	CSV Header Name	Data Column Description
		(O) - Other		
Q	LCR SAMPLING LOCATION?	YES NO	Icr_location	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
R	POINT-OF-ENTRY OR POINT-OF-USE TREATMENT PRESENT?	(YES) - Yes, Known with Certainty (NO) - No, Known with Certainty (UNK) - Unknown, Not Known with Certainty	poe_pou_treatment	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
S	BUILDING PLUMBING MATERIAL 1	 (L) - Lead (C) - Copper (CLS) - Copper w/ Lead Solder (B) - Brass (PEX) - Cross-Linked Polyethylene (O) - Other, does not contain Lead or Lead Solder (UNK) - Unknown 	building_plumbing_material_1	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
Т	BUILDING PLUMBING MATERIAL 2	* See options for column S	building_plumbing_material_2	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
U	BUILDING PLUMBING MATERIAL INSTALL DATE (YYYY)	1910s 1920s 1930s 1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s (<= 1985) – Between 1980 and 1985 (>= 1986) – Between 1986 and 1989 1990s 2000s 2010s	building_plumbing_material_install_date	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.

Column Letter	Column Name	Options in Context Menu	CSV Header Name	Data Column Description
V	BUILDING PLUMBING RENOVATIONS OR REPAIR DATES		plumbing_renovations_repair_dates	See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook.
W	SAMPLING SITE TIER	‡ Calculate Sampling Site Tier	tier	 ‡ This is an auto-calculated column. You can also manually trigger the calculation by selecting one or more of the cells in the column for SAMPLING SITE TIER and then right-click. From the context menu select DEP: Inventory Col. Options > Column W > Calculate Sampling Site Tier. * We do not recommend typing values into this field, and instead use the "Calculate Sampling Site Tier" command to calculate the value for you. See worksheet "COLUMN DEFINITIONS" of Inventory Workbook for additional information.

Validating Data

Configure Validation Settings

Before validating the INVENTORY worksheet, you will need to configure your validation settings. Follow the steps below to configure your validation settings.

- 1. Right-click in any cell of the INVENTORY worksheet.
- 2. Select *DEP: Inventory Validation* from the context menu.
- 3. The Validation Settings form (Figure 4) will be displayed.
- 4. If you want all cells with errors to be highlighted select *Highlight Invalid Cells*. After you run validation all cells with invalid data will be filled with a light red color.

- 5. If you want to save a log file which includes information about all of the errors found on the INVENOTRY sheet, select *Output Validation Errors to File*. This will open a prompt to select a folder where the validation errors log file will be saved (Figure 5). Navigate to a folder and then click the OK button. The folder path you selected will be displayed below the checkbox (Figure 6). The validation error log files are named *YYYY_MM_DD_HHMMSS_*inventory_errors.txt, where *YYYY* is the current four-digit year, *MM* is the two-digit current month, *DD* is the two-digit day of the month, *HHMMSS* is the time in 24 hour format.
- 6. Click the Save button.

Figure 4 - Inventory Validation Settings Form

	LCR SAMPLING LOCATION?	(GOOSENECK / PIGTAIL) CURRENTLY PRESENT?	(GOOSENECK /PIGTAIL) MATERIAL	CURRENT PUBLIC SERVICE LINE MATERIAL	SERVICE LINE MATERIAL EVER PREVIOUSLY LEAD?	PUBLIC SERVICE LINE SIZE (inches)	(YYYY)	LINE MATERIAL	(inches)	SERVICE LINE INSTALL DATE (YYYY)	ENTIRE SERVICE LINE CLASSIFICATION	VE
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Figure 5 -Validation Settings - Save Output File

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Figure 6 - Validation Settings - Output File Path

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Run the Validation

To validate the INVENTORY worksheet:

- 1. Right-click in any cell of the INVENTORY worksheet to display the context menu.
- 2. Select DEP: Inventory Validation
- 3. Select *Validate Inventory Worksheet*. A progress indicator will show the percentage of rows that have been validated. The time it takes to complete the validation process will depend directly on the number of rows in the INVENTORY worksheet.
- 4. If you selected *Highlight Invalid Cells* in the Validation Settings then all cells with errors will be filled with a light red color.
- 5. If you selected *Output Validation Errors* to File the log file will contain detailed information about the errors found.

Figure 7 - Validate Inventory

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Clear Highlighted Validation Errors

To clear the highlighted errors on the INVENTORY worksheet:

1. Right-click in any cell of the INVENTORY worksheet to display the context menu.

- 2. Select DEP: Inventory Validation
- 3. Select Clear Highlighted Validation Errors

Exporting Data for Submission to MassDEP

Data to be submitted to MassDEP Drinking Water Program should be in a CSV file format. Be sure to validate your data prior to exporting and make sure to correct any validation errors. MassDEP Drinking Water Program will run validation on the file(s) you submit. Files that do not pass validation will not be accepted.

To export the INVENTORY data:

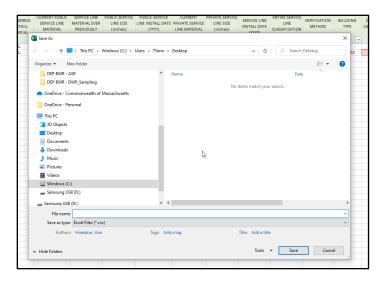
- 1. Right-click in any cell of the INVENTORY worksheet to open the context menu.
- 2. Select DEP: Export Data for Submission
- 3. A pop-up will appear reminding you that data should be validated prior to exporting (Figure 8). If you have not yet validated then click the Cancel button, otherwise click the button labeled OK.

Figure 8 - Export Validation

Remember to validate the data prior to exporting. To validate right-click and select MassDEP Inventory Validation -> Validate Inventory Worksheet	Microsoft Excel				×
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4. You will be prompted to provide a name for the CSV export file and to select a folder where the file will be saved (Figure 9).

Figure 9 - Export Save to Folder



5. If the export is successful, then a message will appear confirming the location where the file was saved (Figure 10).

Figure 10 - Export Success

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Structure of CSV (Comma Separated Value) File

If you plan to use a method other than the one built into the Service Line Inventory Workbook to create the CSV file the header row and data structure of the CSV file must mirror the following:

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version, pws_id, mf_gt_twenty, site_id, locational_identifier, connector_present, connector_material,
multiple_materials, current_sl_material_one, current_sl_material_two, sl_prev_lead, sl_install_date,
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verification_method, other_verification_method, entire_service_line_classification, sl_current_use, comments, sl_size, building_type, lcr_location, poe_pou_treatment, building_plumbing_material_1, building_plumbing_material_2, building_plumbing_material_install_date, plumbing_renovations_repair_dates, tier

The valid values for each "column" of data can be found in the table of section "*Populating Cell Values*" above. Note, double-quotes must be used to enclose data.

Tips and Notes

- The INVENTORY worksheet was designed to be as flexible as possible for a wide array of use cases. For example, a water system may already have the data in a dedicated database and would like to "feed" the data into the Service Line Inventory Workbook via automated scripts, while another water system may prefer to enter the data into the worksheet manually by typing or selecting options through the built-in menu system. To achieve this level of flexibility the workbook/worksheet(s) does not implement many protections to prevent the user from breaking the functionality of the workbook/worksheet(s). The following should be avoided:
 - Editing (including adding, deleting, and modifying) the header, i.e. first, row of the INVENTORY worksheet.
 - Inserting columns between the existing columns of the INVENTORY worksheet.
 - Deleting columns on the INVENTORY worksheet.
 - Modifying the name of existing worksheets.
 - Locking/unlocking the workbook and worksheets.
 - Adding, deleting, or modifying Named Ranges.
- Data can be copy/pasted, or populated via an automated process, into the INVENTORY worksheet from another data source. Be sure to keep the first row of the INVENTORY worksheet intact.
- If you have a lot of data and you notice the workbook becoming less responsive you may want to consider splitting the data into two or more workbooks. The data validation scripts go from one cell to another so the process can take a significant amount of time if there are thousands of rows.