

Division of Drinking Water

PS Code Changes

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In the January and March newsletters, we highlighted the upcoming changes to the PS Code (Primary Station Code) format which will be important for the implementation of DDW's new portal, known as CLIP (California Laboratory Intake Portal).

We have established September 1, 2021 as the official date that CLIP will launch.

Starting September 1st, it will be important to use the new PS Code format when you log water quality samples onto a chain-of-custody (COC) for your laboratory. Laboratories will need these new PS Codes in order to successfully submit water quality data to DDW. As a reminder, CLIP will not accept bacteriological data upon initial rollout. The ability to electronically report bacteriological data will be in development throughout 2021 and 2022.

Figure 1 illustrates the changes to the PS Code format, which include:

- * Adding 'CA' to the front of the public water system number
- * Adding facility identification number, and
- * Adding underscores to separate public water system, facility, and sample point numbers.

| Sampling Location | | Water System # | | Facility ID | | Sample Point | | New PS Code |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|---|-------------|---|--------------|---|-------------------|
| Well 01 | → | CA1910002 | + | 001 | + | 001 | = | CA1910002_001_001 |
| Site 1 - Stg2 DBP | → | CA1910002 | + | DST | + | 800 | = | CA1910002_DST_800 |
| Site 2 - Stg2 DBP | → | CA1910002 | + | DST | + | 801 | = | CA1910002_DST_801 |
| Lead & Copper Sample Sites | → | CA1910002 | + | DST | + | LCR | = | CA1910002_DST_LCR |

Figure 1: New PS Codes for Amarillo Mutual Water Company's Well 01 and Distribution System sampling locations

In order to see how the new PS Codes look for your water system, please access the Drinking Water Watch webpage by directing your internet browser to <https://sdwis.waterboards.ca.gov/PDWWW/> and search on your water system. Then, click the first link on the left-hand side of the screen entitled 'PS Code Transition' to display a table with the new PS Codes. As an example, Table 1 below shows the new PS Code format for Amarillo Mutual Water Company.

| Water System Sample Points | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Old PS Code | New PS Code | Status | Sample Point Name |
| 1910002-001 | CA1910002_001_001 | A | WELL 01 |
| 1910002-003 | CA1910002_003_003 | A | WELL 01 - CHLORINATION |
| 1910002-004 | CA1910002_004_004 | A | SAN GABRIEL VWC CONNECTION - TREATED |
| 1910002-800 | CA1910002_DST_800 | A | SITE 1-3...* |
| 1910002-801 | CA1910002_DST_801 | A | SITE 2-3...* |
| 1910002-LCR | CA1910002_DST_LCR | A | Lead and Copper Sample Sites ** |

Table 1: Drinking Water Watch display of the new PS Codes for Amarillo Mutual Water Company

- * *PS Code represents Stage 2 DBPR Sampling Location – Samples for disinfection byproducts monitoring should include 'DST' as the facility ID to represent the Distribution System. The sample point ID used will need to match the specific location (i.e., address) of the sample point. We have intentionally not displayed the sample point ID address as this is considered Personally Identifiable Information.*
- ** *PS Code represents Lead & Copper Sampling Locations – All Lead and Copper tap samples are to use a PS Code similar to what is shown in Table 1 above: [Water System #]-DST-LCR. 'DST' is the facility ID to represent the Distribution System and 'LCR' is the sample point ID to represent samples collected pursuant to the Lead & Copper Rule.*

If you have any questions pertaining to the information contained in this update, please contact your District Office or, if regulated by a Local Primacy Agency, your County Office.