

# Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities

**December 2023 Update** 



#### **Presentation Topics**



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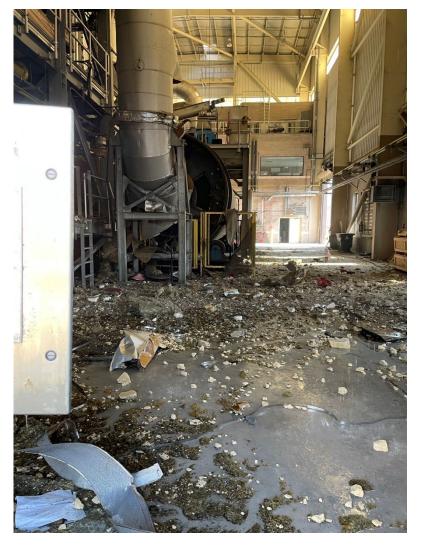






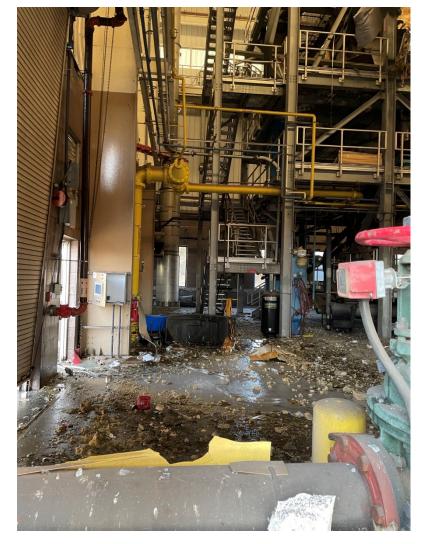














### What are PFAS Compounds?

- PFAS are Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (also known as forever chemicals)
- The term PFAS encompasses over 4,700 substances
- Widely used, long lasting chemicals, which break down very slowly over time
- Widespread in the environment being present in air, water, food, soil, etc.
- Used in the manufacture of products such as non-stick cooking surfaces, firefighting foams, dental floss, mattresses, rain gear coatings, stain resistant coatings (carpeting, furniture), etc.



#### **PFAS Health Advisory Announcement Update**

- On March 15, 2023, the EPA proposed regulation for six PFAS chemicals
  - PFOS maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt)
  - o PFAS MCL of 4.0 ppt
  - Health index for four compounds; PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS and HFPO-DA commonly referred to as GenX
- One part per trillion is approximately 30 seconds in one million years
- Public comment period ended on May 30, 2023, and EPA anticipates publishing the final rule by the end of 2023
- Based on historical sampling data starting in 2018 and the most recent data from the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 5 (UCMR5) currently being conducted, all samples have been non-detect for the regulated compounds in WSFC Utilities water

# Lead & Copper Rule History

- Original Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) was promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency in January of 1991
- LCR is the only rule that requires sampling from inside customer homes
- WSFC Utilities began a corrosion control program in March 1992
- Since original rule was published there have been several minor revisions
- WSFC Utilities has maintained an excellent compliance history with the original LCR and all revisions
- Developing a Lead Compliance Program (LCP) to ensure continued compliance with requirements of the LCR Revisions of 2021

## Lead & Copper Rule Revision of 2021

EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR)

Jan. 15, 2021
LCRR Promulgated

Nov

Nov. 30, 2023

Improved Lead and Copper Rule Date

(Released for Public Comment)

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**Anticipated Oct. 2027** 

LCRR Compliance Date

LCRR Became Effective

Dec. 16, 2021

LCRR Old Compliance Date

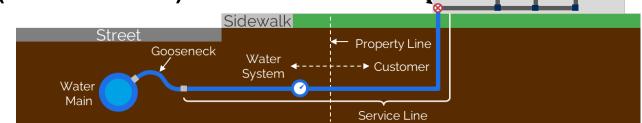
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#### Lead & Copper Rule Revision Overview

- Annual service line inventory updates available to the public (public and private sides included)
- Update LCRR Compliance Monitoring Plan (sampling at selected homes)
- Full lead replacement nationwide in 10 years (10% per year)
- Lowers the lead action level from 15 ppb to 10 ppb
- School and Childcare List and Sampling Plan
- Prepare public education and outreach materials
- Submit to Primacy Agency for approval
- Compliance deadline: 3 Years After Final Rule (Ant. Oct 2027)

\*Required for every utility in the U.S.

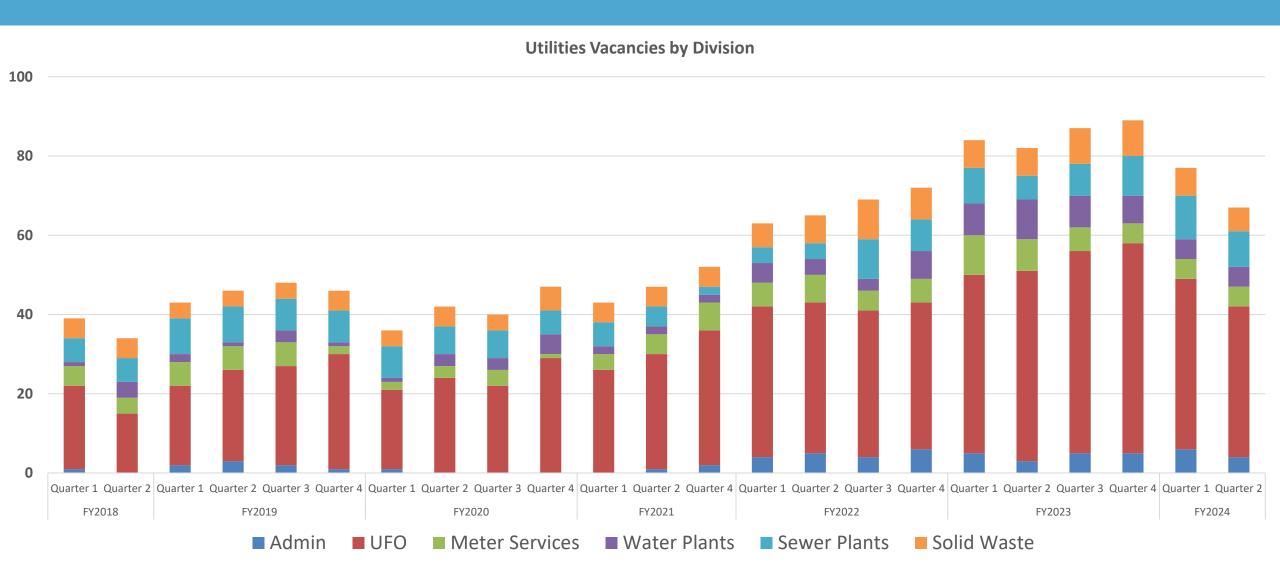


Household

Shutoff Valve



## Vacancy Report

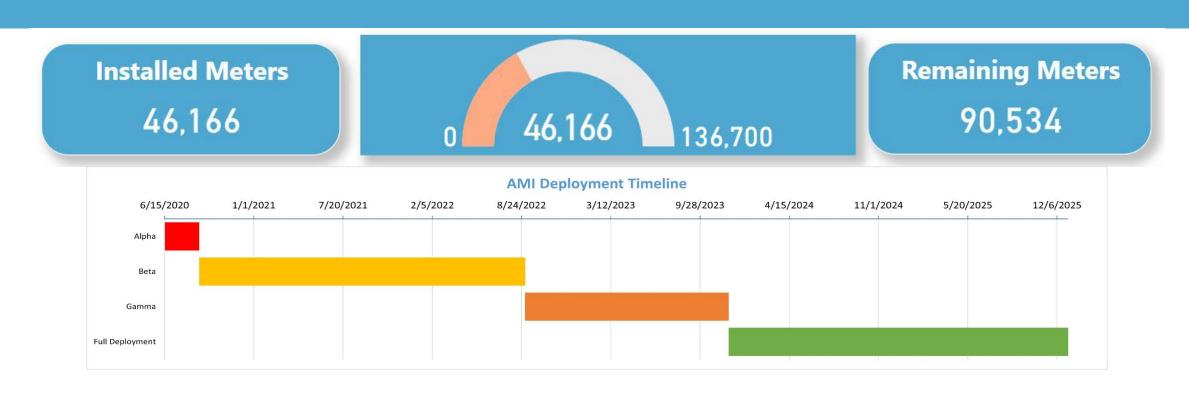


### **Active Capital Projects**

- Number of projects: 48
  - Design: 26
  - Bidding: 5
  - Construction: 17
- Spent during FY23: \$79M
- Estimated spending for FY24: \$97M



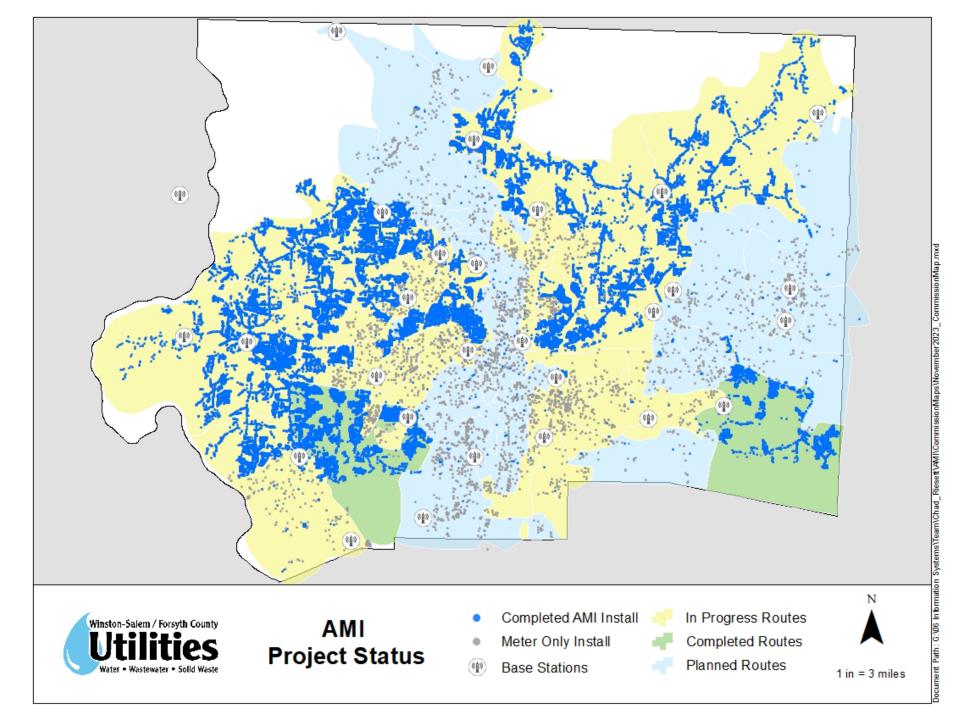
#### AMI Meter Installation Progress and Deployment Plan



- Alpha: June 2020 September 2020 (~50 Meters Installed)
- Beta: September 2020 September 2022 (~10k Meters Installed)
- Gamma: September 2022 December 2023 (~34k Meters Installed)
- Full Deployment: December 2023 December 2025 (~93k Meters to be Installed)

  The installation progress bar is inclusive of contracted and internal installations.









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Thank you

