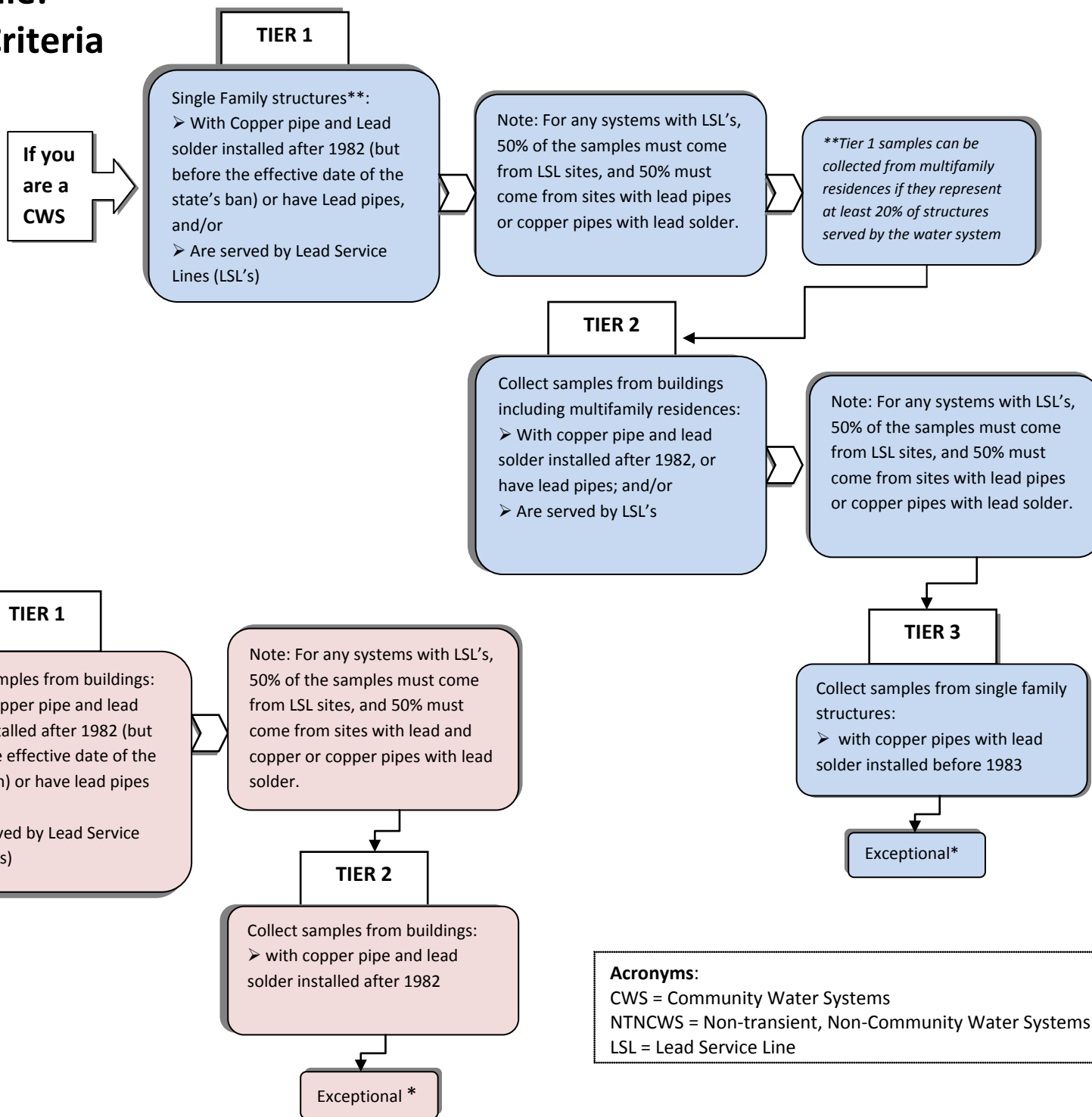


Lead and Copper Rule: Sample Collection Criteria

Tier 1 sites are the highest priority. If systems cannot identify enough Tier 1 sites to meet their minimum sampling requirement, they must select Tier 2 sites, followed by Tier 3 sites, and then representative sites*. The number of sites depends on the size of the population served by the system.



*Representative Sites:

If a CWS or a NTNCWS cannot collect enough samples from tiered sites, it must collect them from sites where plumbing is similar to that used at other sites served by the water system.