

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Page County Middle/High School Complex Water
May Contain High Levels of Lead

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely sample water at various taps within our facility for lead. Some of the test results show lead levels in the water above the limit, or Action Level, so we are required to provide public education materials to our consumers and install corrosion control treatment. The public education materials serve to provide important information on lead in drinking water and corrosion control treatment helps prevent lead from dissolving into the water. We failed to complete the distribution of the public education materials as required by the Virginia *Waterworks Regulations*.

What should I do?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. You should read the attached public education materials for additional information about lead in our drinking water.

What does this mean?

Typically, lead enters water supplies by leaching from lead or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason; however, older homes and buildings may contain lead pipes or materials. Your water is more likely to contain high lead levels if water pipes in or leading to your home are made of lead or contain lead solder.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What happened? What is being done?

We are providing you with this notice and the required public education materials. Sampling for lead has been increased in frequency. Additionally, we are working with state health officials to install corrosion control treatment as deemed necessary. We are also providing bottled water to students and staff.

For more information, please contact Tim Williams at 540-743-6533, Ext. 2804.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Page County Public Schools.

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