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RE: Public Advisory of Lead Action Level Exceedance

You are receiving this notification because Whitefish Township Community Schools has recently completed routine monitoring for lead and copper in drinking water. Based on the samples collected, Whitefish Township Community Schools has exceeded the 90th Percentile Action Level of 15 parts per billion for lead.

Whitefish Township Community Schools is taking measures to ensure elevated fixtures are removed from use and, if necessary, an alternative source (e.g., bottled water) will be made available. This advisory is the first of several steps Whitefish Township Community Schools is required to complete after exceeding the action level for lead.

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. Because lead may pose a serious health risk, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) set the maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) at zero for lead. The MCLG is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

Based on the USEPA recommendations, the most important things you can do to reduce your exposure to lead is to:

- Use cold water for drinking and cooking
- Use cold water for preparing baby formula
- Let the water run for 30 seconds to two minutes, or until cold prior to use
- Do not boil your water with lead contamination prior to consumption

For more information, please visit www.michigan.gov/egleleadpublicadvisory or contact Whitefish Township Community Schools at (906) 492-3353 or tmckee@eupschools.org.

THOMAS O. MCKEE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER

This notice is brought to you by:

Supply Name: Whitefish Township School

Water Supply Serial Number (WSSN): 2000217

Date Distributed: 11/8/2021

The supply listed above found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this notice closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

SOURCES OF LEAD

Drinking water is one possible source of lead exposure. Lead is a common metal found in the environment and enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass and chrome plated brass faucets, and in some cases, pipes made of lead. Plumbing products such as pipes and fixtures, including those advertised as "lead free," may contribute lead to drinking water. The law currently allows these products with up to 0.25 percent lead to be labeled as "lead free." Older fixtures may contain higher levels of lead.

STEPS TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

1. **Run the water to flush out lead.** Run water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking, if it hasn't been used for several hours. This flushes lead-containing water from the pipes.
2. **Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.** Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
3. **Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling water will not reduce lead levels.
4. **Get your child tested.** Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead if you are concerned about exposure.
5. **Identify if plumbing fixtures contain lead.** Faucets, fittings, and valves may contribute lead to drinking water unless they have been replaced since 2013. Any new connecting plumbing and fittings should meet the 2014 lead-free definition. If you replace your faucet, buy a new one that meets the 2014 lead-free definition. Visit the National Sanitation Foundation Web site at www.nsf.org to learn more about lead-containing plumbing fixtures.

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT IS BEING DONE?

The action level was exceeded for lead during the most recent round of monitoring of drinking water taps. Sample locations and sample results are available and will be posted via the Consumer Notice of Lead Results.

Noncompliant taps have been removed from service for use for drinking.

We are beginning to take corrective action. This involves additional sampling. Also, we are performing plumbing assessment to determine if fixtures and connecting plumbing should be replaced with new "lead-free" materials, and assessing the option of corrosion control treatment.

For More Information

Call us at: Whitefish Township School, (906) 492-3353

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Website at www.epa.gov/lead or contact your health care provider.

**Summary of Public Advisory Requirements and
Certificate of Distribution
For Noncommunity Water Supplies that Exceed the Lead Action Level**

A Public Advisory (PA) must be issued within three business days after the local health department (LHD) notifies a Water Supply that an exceedance of the lead action level has occurred. Within ten days after the end of the period in which a PA is required, send documentation to the LHD in the district/county that the PA was issued, using an appropriate method within the required timeframe.

To meet this requirement, water supplies may use this checklist to document the PA issuance activities. Send this checklist, or similar documentation to the LHD along with a sample copy of PA that was issued.

The following is required:

Post PA material in a public place or common area in each of the buildings served by the water supply.

Location(s) Posted: Social Media, School website, office, Main lobby, Bathrooms, gym

Distribute PA printed material to each person served by the water supply. The water supply may use electronic transmission instead of or combined with printed materials if it achieves at least the same coverage.

Date Delivered: November 8, 2021

If applicable, make a good faith effort to locate any organizations being served by the water supply (e.g., child care centers), and deliver PA materials along with an informational notice that encourages distribution to all potentially affected customers or users.

Organizations contacted: No outside agency uses our water

I affirm that a Public Advisory has been issued. I am enclosing a copy of the Public Advisory.


Signature

GIRLS RESTROOM
Water Supply Name

THOMAS MCKEE
Printed Name

2000217
Water Supply Serial Number (WSSN)

SUPERINTENDENT
Title

Within 10 days of the end of the period in which a PA is required, a completed and signed copy of this certification, along with a copy of the PA, must be returned to the Local Health Department. The PA is to advise consumers of the action level exceedance and is separate from Lead Public Education requirements.

Summary of Public Education (PE) Requirements and Certificate of Distribution

For Noncommunity Water Supplies that Exceed the Lead Action Level

Supply Name: Whitefish Township School

Water Supply Serial Number (WSSN): 2000217

Public education (PE) materials must be delivered as soon as possible but within 60 days after the end of the monitoring period in which the lead exceedance occurred or within 60 days of calculating the lead exceedance, whichever is sooner.

The PE materials must be repeated once every 12 months for as long as the lead action level is exceeded. Once completed, send documentation to the local health department (LHD) that contains a demonstration that the water supply has delivered the PE materials that meet the content requirements and the delivery requirements.

To meet this requirement, water supplies must document delivery activities. Send this checklist or similar documentation to the Chippewa County Health Department along with a sample copy of the PE material that was distributed.

The following is required:

- Post informational material on lead in drinking water in a public place or common area in each of the buildings served by the water supply.

Locations Posted: Social Media, School Website, Office, Main Lobby, Bathrooms, and Gymnasium

- Distribute PE printed material to each person served by the water supply. The water supply may use electronic transmission instead of or combined with printed materials as long as it achieves at least the same coverage.

Date Delivered: November 8, 2021

- If applicable, make a good faith effort to locate any organizations being served by the water supply system in mention, such as child care centers, and deliver PE materials along with an informational notice that encourages distribution to all potentially affected customers or users.

Organizations Contacted: No outside agencies use our water

*I affirm that public education material content and delivery requirements have been completed.
I am enclosing a sample of the public education material we delivered.*

Signature



11/8/2021

Date

Thomas O. McKee

Printed Name

Superintendent

Title

Within 10 days of the end of the period in which the PE is required, a completed and signed copy of this certification must be returned to the Chippewa County Health Department.