

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Failure to Optimize Corrosion Control

The HOLLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT water system failed to meet drinking water standards. Even though
(name of water system)

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.

What happened?

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The tests show lead and/or copper levels (circle one or both) in the water above the action levels, so we are required to install corrosion control treatment. This treatment helps prevent lead and copper in the pipes from dissolving into the water. Corrosion Control should have been optimized by 9/21/2011 but this has not yet
(date)
occurred. If exceeding for lead: We conducted a lead public education program in N/A. You should have
(month, year)
received a brochure explaining in more detail steps you can take to reduce exposure until corrosion control has been optimized.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Typically, lead and copper enter water supplies by leaching from lead, copper or brass pipes and plumbing components. New lead pipes and plumbing components containing lead are no longer allowed for this reason; however, many older homes may contain lead pipes. 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.

For more information on lead, call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791 or the National Lead Information Center Hotline 1(800) LEAD-FYL.

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

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

What should I do?

It is not necessary to use alternate water; however, if you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional. General health related questions may be directed to Dave Gordon of the DES Environmental Health Program at (603) 271-4608.

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead and copper:

- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking; this flushes any standing lead and copper from the pipes.
- Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead and copper dissolve more easily into hot water.
- Do not boil your water to remove lead and copper. Excessive boiling water makes the lead and copper more concentrated because the lead and copper remains when the water evaporates.

Steps We Are Taking: PERFORMING REQUIRED LEAD/COPPER TESTS AND OPTIMIZING
(describe corrective action)

THE SYSTEM AS APPROPRIATE.

Corrosion control will be optimized by _____ For more information, please contact
(date)

SHAWN GREENWAY of SKILLINGS AND SONS at 603-459-2600
(name of water system contact) (name of system or company) (telephone #)

or 269 PROCTOR HILL RD HOLLIS, NH 03049
(address)

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.

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