

City of Trenton

Memorandum

Good Afternoon All,

I wanted to take a moment to inform you about some circumstances that Trenton's Water Department has been involved in and is currently working through. We have collected 30 Lead and Copper samples, as of 9/29/2020, required annually by the OEPA. We have received the results back from the lab that analyze these samples and 4 out of the 30 have tested above 15 ug/L which is what the OEPA set as the lead action level threshold. The OEPA uses the 90th percentile sample to determine if a Public Water System is above the action level of 15 ug/L. Trenton currently has a 20.3 ug/L which means Trenton has an "apparent" lead action level exceedance.

The Trenton Water Department is in the process of collecting additional samples for analysis to gain a broader and more diverse scope of the distribution system. Based on the data and analysis we have collected we don't believe this to be a City wide Trenton Water System issue, rather, it is isolated to households mainly pre 1986 with older plumbing especially those having copper piping with lead solder.

However, the "apparent" lead action level exceedance requires us to do a few things, which is the reason for this notification. We are required to do a Lead Public Notification (LPN) within 2 business days after receiving the lab results so an article has been placed in the Middletown/ Dayton Daily News Journal today. Keep in mind this was written by the EPA not by the City of Trenton. Along with the (LPN) we are required to do some Lead Public Education (LPE) but this can be done within 30 days.

In the meantime, if the results of additional samples analyzed are lower than 15ug/L, this could potentially drop the 90th percentile below the 15ug/L lead action level threshold and the OEPA would rescind the "apparent" lead action level exceedance.

You can direct questions to me at 988-5771 or to the EPA website for more info on lead at www.epa.gov/lead.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

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