

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER FAILURE TO MONITOR

**ESTE INFORME CONTIENE INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE ACERCA DE SU AGUA POTABLE. HAGA QUE  
ALGUIEN LO TRADUZCA PARA USTED, O HABLE CON ALGUIEN QUE LO ENTIENDA.**

#### Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Lehman Jackson Elementary

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2022-2024 we failed to monitor for the following contaminants and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

#### What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the last year, the required sampling frequency, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which corrective action samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
PFAS (PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONIC ACID/ PERFLUOROOCTANOC ACID)	Quarterly (Initial Requirement)	0	By the End of the First Quarter of 2024)	6/18/2024
DI(2-Ethylhexyl) PHTHALATE	Annual	0	During 2022	3/28/2023
HAA/TTHM HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)/ TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHM)	Annual	0	Between August 1 <sup>st</sup> and August 7 <sup>th</sup> 2023	8/6/2024
Chlorine	Weekly	0	Weekly in the Month of July 2023	August 2023

#### What happened? What was done? When will it be resolved?

PFAS- the PFAS testing was conducted as required in the first quarter of 2024. An instrument malfunction at the subcontracted Lab caused the sample to go beyond the hold time for analysis and requires a resample. Sampling will be complete in the first quarter 2025. Samples taken in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter met requirements established by the PA DEP. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter results are still pending.

DI(2-Ethylhexyl)- This sample is required annually and was missed in 2022. Samples were taken in the first quarter of 2023. Results met all PA DEP requirements

HAA/TTHM- These samples were taken as required; however, the analyzing lab submitted the data under a different PWSID, or system number. This information has been sent to the analyzing lab for correction on 12/17/2024 and is in



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process of being uploaded to the DEP file system. This test was also performed on 8/6/2024 as required. The results met all DEP requirements.

Chlorine is monitored weekly and reported monthly to the DEP via greenport. This data was not submitted in the month of July 2023 due to a network error. All data was submitted for august as required. Measurements met all DEP requirements.

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.

For more information regarding this notice, please contact Utility Management and Environmental Services at 570-592-4155.

**Certified by:**

Signature: Mark Krofchok Date: 12/19/2024

Print Name and Title: Mark Krofchok- Owner Utility Management and Environmental Services

As a representative of the Public Water system indicated above, I certify that public notification addressing the above violation was distributed to all customers in accordance with the delivery requirements outlined in Chapter 25 PA Code 109 Subchapter D of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP's) regulations. The following methods of distribution were used: posted on school website, posted in areas where public water is in use, emailed to students/faculty and staff.

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **FAILURE TO SUBMIT A PERMIT APPLICATION FOR CORROSION CONTROL TREATMENT**

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#### **Lehman Jackson Elementary Has Violated a Treatment Technique**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this was 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.

In 2021\_\_\_\_\_ our system exceeded the action level for lead. The Safe Drinking Water regulations required that we submit a permit application to DEP to install corrosion control treatment by April 2024 and we missed this deadline.

#### **What should I do?**

- **You do not need to use an alternative (i.e., bottled water) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### **What does this mean?**

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, 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.

#### **What happened? What was done?**

In September 2021 Lead exceeded the Action Level in two locations at Jackson Elementary. Re-testing was performed on 3/31/2022, and there were no detections of lead. At the time of re-sampling 20 samples were required to be analyzed. However, only 10 samples were taken at this time. It is required that corrosion control action be taken to resolve the potential lead problem. This was not completed as required in 2022.

A feasibility study was required to be complete by March 2023, and the recommended permit or treatment update to be submitted prior to April 1, 2024. This process was not started as required in 2022.

We are currently in the process of completing all the DEP required actions. Water quality parameters were taken, retesting was complete, and a permit application has been submitted to add treatment that reduces the potential for Lead contamination. The application is currently in the DEP engineering review process.

Once the application is approved, treatment will be installed

We anticipate resolving the problem following the approval of the submitted application, installation of the recommended treatment and monitoring is conducted to demonstrate that the system is meeting the action levels for lead and copper.

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