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|  | **Consumer Notice** | **of Tap Water Results** |

You are receiving this notice because you are served by a water tap where a sample was collected and tested for lead and copper in accordance with the Lead and Copper Rule. A copy of the results from the sample is enclosed with this notice.

The **action level** for lead is 0.015 milligrams per liter (0.015 mg/L). The action level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. The **maximum contaminant level goal** for lead is 0 mg/L. This is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Health Effects of Lead:**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

* 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.

**Steps to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water:**

* Use water from the cold tap for drinking, cooking and preparing formula.
* When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap until the water becomes cold before using water for drinking or cooking.

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. ***(Name of public water system)*** is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. Please contact ***(Name of public water system, person, phone, etc.)*** for more information about these results.

Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

The **maximum contaminant level goal** for copper is 1.3 mg/L. This is also the **action level** for copper. You can follow the steps for reducing the lead in water to also reduce the copper in your drinking water. Excess copper may cause gastrointestinal upset and may cause symptoms in people with Wilson’s disease. Long-term exposure may cause liver or kidney problems.