

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Milan Village School Failed to Submit an Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment Recommendation

(name of system)

Our water system failed to submit an optimal corrosion control treatment (OCCT) recommendation, thereby violating a drinking water standard. Even though 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 copper. The tests show copper levels in the water above the limit, or action level, so we were required to submit an OCCT recommendation to the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). The OCCT should have been completed and submitted to DES by July 1, 2010 but the OCCT recommendation is incomplete.
(date)

What does this mean?

The OCCT recommendation is a study to evaluate the most effective method for lowering lead and/or copper action levels in your drinking water. Once the OCCT recommendation is submitted to DES, DES will review the recommendation and either approve it or recommend alternative corrosion control treatment.

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

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

Steps We Are Taking: We have contracted the services of Timmy J Bilodeau, NH Certified Drinking Water Operator.
(describe corrective action)

Timmy has been in contact with the NHDES representatives and will have the report completed as part of his contract

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. The OCCT recommendation will be submitted to DES by September 1, 2010.
(date)

For more information, please contact Timmy J Bilodeau of Self Employed
(name of contact) (name of system or company)

at 636-6282 or 60 Brown Road, Northumberland NH
(telephone #) (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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