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Village of Wellington Public Water System News Release:

Wellington Village PWS Detects Lead In Drinking Water Distribution System

The Village of Wellington Public Water System (PWS) is required to perform annual lead testing. Wellington PWS received our distribution system testing results on July 7, 2020. As a result of that testing, the Wellington PWS detected lead levels exceeding the federal action level. Samples were collected from June 4 through June 30, 2020.

Lead can cause serious health problems especially for pregnant woman and young children.

Our 90th percentile for lead was 17.0 ug/l. When the 90% for lead samples results exceeds 15 ug/l, Wellington PWS is required to take action to correct the exceedance. Wellington PWS collected 20 distribution samples and 3 results were above 15 ug/l, resulting in a 90th percentile of 18.0 ug/l. The three distribution samples that exceeded the 15 ug/l were 18 ug/l, 19 mg/l and 27 mg/l. The measurement of ug/l can also be thought of as the same as parts per billion (ppb).

Lead typically enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing of our customers private lead service lines or any pipes or materials containing lead in customers household plumbing. There are steps the public can take to reduce their lead exposure, which include running the water from customer taps for 30 seconds to 3 minutes (or until the water becomes noticeably colder) before using it for drinking, cooking, or preparing baby formula. For more information on the health effects of lead, visit the U.S. EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead or the Lorain County Public Health Dept. at 440-322-6367.

The Village of Wellington PWS had already identified lead in the drinking water of a certain segment of our customers as an issue and has recently received OEPA approval to begin construction of an orthophosphate chemical feed system to mitigate this issue. The Wellington PWS hopes to begin this construction in 2021.

Wellington PWS's certified contract laboratory is Alloway Labs at 1500 W. Fourth St., Suite 4 in Mansfield, Ohio. Phone: 419-525-1644. Customers can contact them or any other certified laboratory on the availability of tap water testing if they should desire at their own expense.

In addition, do not hesitate to contact Gregory Frenk, Supt. Water Plant at 440-647-3164 or email at gfrenk@villageofwellington.com if you have any questions or concerns.