



**Department of
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This is a follow up to my **March 13, 2017** water test results notification letter and I am pleased to share we have successfully completed remediation work at **Young Women's Leadership HS - M** (Young Women's Leadership School, 105 East 106th Street, New York, NY 10029).

On **February 11, 2017**, every potential source of water for drinking or preparing food at **Young Women's Leadership HS - M** was tested for lead. The laboratory results showed elevated levels of lead in **4 of the 30 samples** of water taken and tested from outlets in the building.

In any building where lead test results show even one water outlet above the action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb), the DOE implements its standard response protocol, under which it removes any such outlet from service, flushes all or part of the system to eliminate water sitting in pipes overnight, replaces equipment and re-tests after the equipment is replaced. Fixtures are only put back in service once results of laboratory re-tests are below the action level of 15 ppb.

Each affected fixture at **Young Women's Leadership HS - M** was taken out of service on **March 13, 2017**, and the remediation work was completed. On **February 24, 2018**, the remediated fixtures were tested and the final laboratory results indicate that all samples taken and tested were below the action level of 15 ppb.

Out of an abundance of caution, the custodial staff will continue to flush the **Young Women's Leadership HS - M** water systems on Monday mornings before school starts in order to eliminate water that has been stagnant in pipes over the weekend and to ensure safe drinking water is available for students and staff.

A more detailed letter related to the testing for lead at **Young Women's Leadership HS - M** is attached, and complete test results are posted on the DOE website at <http://schools.nyc.gov/SchoolPortals/04/M610/default.htm>.

Please visit <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/schools/watersafety.htm> to learn more about the robust protocol we use to ensure the safety of drinking water in each and every school, as well as to look up water test results for each school.

Thank you for your patience and support and we wish you and your students a wonderful semester.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth A. Rose

A NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND STAFF

Young Women's Leadership HS - M

Young Women's Leadership School

105 East 106th Street, New York, NY 10029

March 13, 2018

Safe and healthy school environments can foster healthy and successful children. To protect public health, the Public Health Law and New York State Health Department (NYSDOH) regulations require that all public schools and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) test lead levels in water from every outlet that is being used, or could potentially be used, for drinking or cooking. If lead is found at any water outlet at levels above 15 parts per billion (ppb), which is equal to 15 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$), the NYSDOH requires that the school take action to reduce the exposure to lead.

What is first draw testing of school drinking water for lead?

The “on-again, off-again” nature of water use at most schools can raise lead levels in school drinking water. Water that remains in pipes overnight, over a weekend, or over vacation periods stays in contact with lead pipes or lead solder and, as a result, could contain higher levels of lead. This is why schools are required to collect a sample after the water has been sitting in the plumbing system for a certain period of time. This “first draw” sample is likely to show higher levels of lead for that outlet than what you would see if you sampled after using the water continuously. However, even if the first draw sample does not reflect what you would see with continuous usage, it is still important because it can identify outlets that have elevated lead levels.

What are the initial first draw testing elevation results?

Samples Collected on 02/11/2017				
Floor	Function / Space	Room	Fixture Type	Sample Results
07	Laboratory	Room 702	Cold Water Faucet 1	73.10 ppb
09	Bathroom	Room 815	Cold Water Faucet 1	1050.00 ppb
10	Bathroom	Room 1013	Cold Water Faucet 1	306.00 ppb
11	Kitchen	1102	Cold Water Faucet 3	33.60 ppb

What are the post-remediation testing results?

Samples Collected on 02/24/2018					
Floor	Function / Space	Room	Fixture Type	First Draw Sample Results	Second Draw Sample Results
09	Bathroom	Room 815	Cold Water Faucet 1	1.80 ppb	NA*
10	Bathroom	Room 1013	Cold Water Faucet 1	<1.0 ppb	NA*
11	Kitchen	1102	Cold Water Faucet 3	2.20 ppb	NA*

*Second draw samples are only analyzed if first draw samples are above 15 ppb.

Out of Scope Fixtures				
Floor	Function / Space	Room	Fixture Type	Notes
07	Laboratory	Room 702	Cold Water Faucet 1	Not a potable water source. Not used for cooking or drinking.

*Please note Cold Water Faucets are only out of scope when they are located in laboratories.

What is being done in response to the results?

All drinking and cooking water outlets that tested with lead levels above the action level (15 ppb) were removed from service, and remediated.

What are the health effects of lead?

Lead is a metal that can harm children and adults when it gets into their bodies. Lead is a known neurotoxin, particularly harmful to the developing brain and nervous system of children under 6 years old. Lead can harm a young child's growth, behavior, and ability to learn. Lead exposure during pregnancy may contribute to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. There are many sources of lead exposure in the environment, and it is important to reduce all lead exposures as much as possible. Water testing helps identify and correct possible sources of lead that contribute to exposure from drinking water.

What are the other sources of lead exposure?

Lead is a metal that has been used for centuries for many purposes, resulting in widespread distribution in the environment. Major sources of lead exposure include lead-based paint in older housing, and lead that built up over decades in soil and dust due to historical use of lead in gasoline, paint, and manufacturing. Lead can also be found in a number of consumer products, including certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, foods, plumbing materials, and cosmetics. Lead seldom occurs naturally in water supplies but drinking water could become a possible source of lead exposure if the building's plumbing contains lead. The primary source of lead exposure for most children with elevated blood-lead levels is lead-based paint.

Should your child be tested for lead?

The risk to an individual child from past exposure to elevated lead in drinking water depends on many factors; for example, a child's age, weight, amount of water consumed, and the amount of lead in the water. Children may also be exposed to other significant sources of lead including paint, soil and dust. Since blood lead testing is the only way to determine a child's blood lead level, parents should discuss their child's health history with their child's physician to determine if blood lead testing is appropriate. Pregnant women or women of childbearing age should also consider discussing this matter with their physician.

Do elevated lead levels in school drinking water pose a serious risk to students and staff?

The risk to students and staff is low for many reasons. The elevated lead levels identified by the recent round of water testing are not likely to represent the levels seen throughout the day. The recent testing was conducted on water that had remained in pipes overnight. The lead concentration drops sharply after the first use of the day as stagnant water is cleared from the pipes and new, fresh water is brought in from the water main – which is virtually lead-free. In addition, for most students and staff, the amount of water consumed from a school water source during a school day is likely to be small when compared to total daily water consumption. Many of the elevated water samples came from fixtures that are not typically used for drinking, including bathrooms, slop sinks, and laboratories. Given all of these factors it is unlikely that these elevations represent conditions that would pose a health risk, however, if a person drinks sufficiently large quantities of water at those high levels over long periods of time, the risk increases. Nonetheless, if you are concerned about exposure to lead, talk to your doctor about having you or your child tested for lead poisoning.

Who is at risk for lead poisoning?

Children under 3 years of age are the most susceptible and vulnerable to the health effects of lead. Lead also poses a risk to the developing fetus. Exposure to lead may interfere with a child's growth and development.

What do we know about rates of lead poisoning in NYC children?

Rates of lead poisoning among NYC children have been falling. In 2015, 5,371 New York City children younger than 6 years of age were identified with blood lead levels of 5 mcg/dL or greater. This represents an 18% decline from 2014 when there were 6,550 children with blood lead levels of 5 mcg/dL or greater, and an 86% decline since 2005 when there were 37,344 children with blood lead levels of 5mcg/dL or greater.

Additional Resources



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For more information regarding the testing program or sampling results go to:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/schools/watersafety.htm>

For information about lead in school drinking water, go to:

http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead_testing_of_school_drinking_water.htm

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/LeadTestinginSchoolDrinkingWater.html>

For information about NYS Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention, go to:

<http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/>

For more information on blood lead testing and ways to reduce your child's risk of exposure to lead, see "What Your Child's Blood Lead Test Means":

<http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2526/> (available in ten languages).

Laboratory Report
NYE Report #: 2181173-3899

February 28, 2018

Andreas C. Andreou
Precision Environmental Inc.
36-15A 23rd Street
Long Island City, NY 11106

Project: M895 / 1958-18-9150; 105 East 106th Street, New York, NY; 2181173

Dear Project Manager,

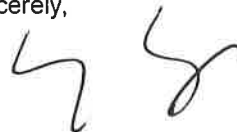
Enclosed is the Laboratory Analytical Report for potable water sample(s) received on February 26, 2018. New York Environmental analyzed the samples on February 27, 2018 for Lead (Pb) by EPA Method 200.9 Rev. 2.2.

If there are any questions regarding the analyses, please feel free to contact us at your convenience. New York Environmental is a NELAP accredited laboratory. Attached reported results meet the requirements of the NELAP standards unless otherwise noted.

Samples' analytical results relate only to the samples tested, in the condition received by the laboratory. This report shall not be reproduced except in its entirety without written approval of the laboratory.

We sincerely thank you for your business, and look forward to being of service for your future environmental testing needs.

Sincerely,



Li Tsang, Laboratory Director

Date Collected:	24 Feb 2018
Date Received:	26 Feb 2018
Date Analyzed:	27 Feb 2018

Analytical Method:	EPA 200.9 Rev. 2.2
Analyte, Matrix:	Lead, Potable Water

Lab ID	CID	Sample Location/Description	RL	Result	Units	Flag
180227J373	3	M89509GBROO815.1F-011; Initial	1.0	1.80	µg/L	
180227J374	4	M89509GBROO815.1F-011; Flush (30s)	1.0	NA	µg/L	
180227J375	5	M89510GBROO013.1F-021; Initial	1.0	<1.0	µg/L	
180227J376	6	M89510GBROO013.1F-021; Flush (30s)	1.0	NA	µg/L	
180227J377	7	M89511KI#11102.3F-032; Initial	1.0	2.20	µg/L	
180227J378	8	M89511KI#11102.3F-032; Flush (30s)	1.0	NA	µg/L	

Comment:

CID: Client Sample ID

NA: Sample not analyzed per customer request.

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POTABLE WATER SAMPLING FOR LEAD CONCENTRATION SAMPLE COLLECTION FORM

1802271373-378

CLIENT INFORMATION
 Name: NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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 Client Rep: Mr. Mohamed Hemida W.O. No.: 00659020-02

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 Address: 36-15A 23rd Street, LIC, NY 11106
 Project Manager: Andreas C. Andreou
 Inspector: Spetahan Idomy
 Project No.: 1958-18-9150

DATE OF SAMPLING: 2/24/18

PROJECT INFORMATION
 BLDG ID: M895
 BLDG No./Name: YOUNG WOMEN'S LEAERSHIP HS - M

GEO DIST: 4

BLDG Address: 105 EAST 106TH STREET

New York NY 10029

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION				Container/ Sample No.	SAMPLE TYPE		Time of Collection	Lead Conc. (ppb)
NYCDOE Catalog #	Floor	Functional Space	Room		Initial	Follow-up		
M89507CRR00702.1F-003	07	Classroom	Room 702	01	✓	0 sec	07:25:00	1.8
M89509GBR00815.1F-011	09	Bathroom	Room 815	02	✓	30 sec	07:25:00	1.8
M89510GBR0013.1F-021	10	Bathroom	Room 1013	03	✓	0 sec	07:30:00	2.2
M89511KI#11102.3F-032	11	Kitchen	1102	04	✓	30 sec	07:36:00	2.2
				05	✓	0 sec	07:30:30	2.2
				06	✓	30 sec	07:36:30	2.2
				07	✓	0 sec	07:30:00	2.2
				08	✓	30 sec	07:36:30	2.2



CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Relinquished By: Spetahan Idomy
 Received By: [Signature]
 Date: 2/27/18
 Time: 2:10PM

LABORATORY INFORMATION
 Lab Name: NNEA
 Analyzed By: Wai S Cheung
 Date: 2/27/18
 Time: 2:10PM
 Method of Analysis: 200.9

QC By: _____
 Method of shipment/delivery: Hand Delivery

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LABORATORY
 Turnaround Time: 24 HOUR
 Analyze follow-up sample(s) ONLY when initial sample exceeds 15ppb

EMAIL results ASAP To:
 Email: andreas@precision-enviro.com
 Email: kam@precision-enviro.com

CONTAINER INFO:
 Container Info: HNO₃
 Preservative: _____
 Size: 250 ml

COMMENTS:
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