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Two Rivers Water Exceeds Lead Standards in Recent Testing

Sampling and testing of water from residences served by the City of Two Rivers water utility recently yielded results exceeding action levels set by the Wisconsin DNR and US EPA.

Out of 30 samples tested, the “90th percentile lead result” was 21 parts per billion (ppb). A 90th percentile value higher than 15 ppb requires certain follow-up actions by the water utility.

(Stated alternatively, the action level is exceeded if more than 10 percent of samples test above 15 ppb. This most recent sampling/testing in Two Rivers yielded 6 samples, or 20 percent, about 15 ppb.)

Such sampling and testing for lead is required every three years. If the lead action level is exceeded, State regulations require the City to notify water system customers of such exceedance of the action level and to provide public education materials on lead in drinking water.

An educational pamphlet titled “Important Information on Lead in Your Drinking Water” is being mailed tomorrow to every customer of the Two Rivers Water Utility. That pamphlet is also available on the City’s website, www.two-rivers.org.

The City has added a corrosion control chemical to its drinking water since 1996, to prevent the leaching of lead from water service laterals and household plumbing and fixtures into the drinking water that flows from customers’ faucets.

The utility will work with DNR to make sure it is optimizing such corrosion control measures. The utility will also be required to do follow-up testing in 2018, to determine if it returns to compliance.

The utility will also be required to replace 7 percent of existing lead service laterals in its distribution system by September 30, 2018. That amounts to 159 lead service laterals, out of an estimated 2,269 total in the system.

For more information, go to www.two-rivers.org, or call the utility Customer Service Office at 920-793-5532.