

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Reporting Requirements Not Met for South River Water Department

We violated a drinking water requirement. Our water system failed to submit an optimal corrosion control treatment (OCCT) recommendation and a source water treatment recommendation (SoWTR), thereby violating a drinking water requirement. 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 the situation.

What happened?

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The tests show Copper levels in the water above the action level, so we are required to submit an OCCT and SoWTR recommendation to the NJ Division of Water Supply & Geoscience. The recommendation should have been completed and submitted by 12/31/2022.

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.

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

- Run water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using to for drinking or cooking, if it hasn't been used for several hours.
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.
- Do not boil the water to remove lead and copper.
- Use alternate sources or treatment of water. You may want to consider using bottled water for drinking and cooking or a water filter designed to remove Lead and/or Copper. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce Lead and/or Copper or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance of standards for water filters. Be sure to maintain and replace a filter device in accordance with the manufacturer's standards to ensure water quality.
- Get your child tested. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for Lead if you are concerned about Lead exposure.

What is being done?

This is not an emergency, if it had been you would have been contacted immediately. The recommendation will be submitted to the NJ Division of Water Supply & Geoscience by May 31st, 2023.

For more information, please contact Arthur Londensky at 732-257-1999 ext. 519.

**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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