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Dear Hamtramck Neighbor:

Every three years, the City of Hamtramck conducts testing of tap water in the City's homes for lead and copper, as well as, other ongoing programs and actions to keep Hamtramck a great place to live, work and raise a family. As required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), lead and copper samples are collected from homes that are likely to have lead service lines or copper plumbing with lead solder, which is the metal that adjoins together two separate pieces of pipe.

This summer, we collected samples from five homes. The MDEQ evaluates compliance with the Action Level based on the 90th percentile of all lead and copper results collected in each round of sampling. The lead 90th percentile for the City of Hamtramck's water supply is 28 parts per billion (ppb), which exceeds the Action Level of 15 ppb.

The "Action Level" is not a health-based standard, but it is a level that triggers additional actions including, but not limited to, investigative sampling of water quality and educational outreach to customers. Because two samples were over the Action Level for lead, the City Of Hamtramck has decided out of an abundance of caution, to facilitate sampling for any water supply customer who would like to have their drinking water tested.

While we gather more information through our sampling efforts, the City of Hamtramck would like to share some ways you can reduce your potential exposure to lead in your drinking water, since lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body. Lead can enter drinking water when in contact with pipes, solder, home/building interior plumbing, fittings and fixtures that contain lead. Homes with lead service lines have an increased risk of having high lead levels in drinking water.

Steps You Can Take to Reduce Your Exposure to Lead in Your Water

The most important thing you can do is let the water run to flush out lead. The more time water has been sitting in your home's pipes, the more lead it may contain. Therefore, if your water has not been used for several hours, run the water before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes lead-containing water from the pipes. Additional flushing may be required for homes that have been vacant or have a longer service line.

- Run your water to flush out lead-containing water.
 - If you **do not** have a lead service line, run the water for 30 seconds to two minutes, or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature.
 - If you **do** have a lead service line, run the water for three to five minutes to flush water from your home of building's plumbing and the lead service line.
- Use cold tap water for drinking, cooking, or preparing baby formula.
- **Do not boil** your water as boiling will not reduce the amount of lead in water.
- Check whether your home has a lead service line.

This is the first of several informational notices you will receive about lead in drinking water. Over the coming weeks and months, the City of Hamtramck will send a comprehensive public education document about lead in drinking water. We will be collecting 60 samples every six months and reviewing the results to determine if corrective actions are necessary to reduce corrosion in household plumbing.

Additional information regarding the lead in water can be found on the City of Hamtramck's website: www.hamtramck.us or at the MDEQ web page at: www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory.

If you are a City of Hamtramck water customer and would like your service line inspected, or would like to have your drinking water tested for lead, contact **Rodney Johnson, Hamtramck Director of Public Services**, at (313) 800-5201 or via e-mail at rjohnson@hamtramckcity.com.

Sincerely,



Karen Majewski, Mayor



Kathy Angerer, City Manager