

Village of Creston PWS Finds Lead in Drinking Water Distribution System

In recent residential sampling, the Village of Creston detected lead in levels exceeding the federal action level. In house samples that were collected from July 13, 2022 through August 9, 2022. Lead can cause serious health problems especially for pregnant woman and young children.

Our 90th. percentile (90% of sample results below this value) for lead was 9.23 micrograms per liter (ug/L). When the 90th. percentile for lead samples results exceeds 15 ug/L, the Village of Creston PWS is required to take action to correct the exceedance. The Village of Creston PWS collected 13 lead samples and 2 results were above 15 ug/L, 11 samples were below 15 ug/L, resulting in a 90th. percentile of 9.23 ug/L.

Lead typically enters water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of pipes or materials containing lead in household plumbing and the water distribution system. There are steps the public can take to reduce their lead exposure, which include running the water for 30 seconds to 3 minutes (or until it is noticeably colder) *before* using it for drinking, cooking, or preparing baby formula. For more information on the health effects of lead, visit U.S. EPA's website at www.epa.gov/lead.

The Village of Creston PWS's certified laboratory is Alloway Labs located at 1502 Fourth Street Mansfield, Ohio 44906. Phone 419-525-1644 and fax 419-524-5575. You can contact them on the availability of tap water testing.

In addition, do not hesitate to contact Marcus Allen, Operator of Record at 330-621-8300 or email: bopacreston@aol.com if you have questions or concerns.

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