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NOTICE OF TAP WATER RESULTS LEAD AND COPPER COMPLIANCE SAMPLING PROGRAM

PWS ID:MA2080004	
	Date: _12/20/23
Dear Consumer:	

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As you may know, Southern Worc. County Ed. Collaborative is also a public water system (PWS) responsible for providing drinking water that meets state and federal standards. This notice reports the lead and copper results from the samples collected at this facility on October 13th, 2023.

A total of 5 were taken and the following table provides information on the tap location and the water sample result represented in parts per million (ppm):

Building Sampling Location		Lead (ppm)	This result is above the Lead Action Level	Copper (ppm)	This result is above the Copper Action Level
1.	BLDG 1 WOMENS RM	<0.0005		0.317	
2.	BLDG 1 KITCHEN	<0.0005		0.314	
3.	BLDG 1 MENS RM	0.0005		0.401	
4.	BLDG 2 WOMENS RM	<0.0005		0.106	
5.	BLDG 2 MENS RM	<0.0005		0.116	

What Does This Mean?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) set the Lead Action Level¹ for lead in drinking water at 0.015 ppm (or miligrams per liter (mg/l)) and the Copper Action Level at 1.3 ppm (or milligrams per liter (mg/l)). Because lead may pose serious health risks, the EPA and MassDEP also set a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)² for lead of zero. The MCLG for copper is 1.3 mg/l.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Our public water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. More information on lead in drinking water and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at: http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

We recommend the following tips to keep any potential lead and copper out of the water you drink:

- Most importantly Flushing your water is the simplest way to reduce exposure to lead. When your water has been sitting for several hours, flush the tap until the water feels cold before use.
- Use only cold, fresh water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula. Run the water for at least 1 minute or until after it turns cold.
- Do not boil the water to remove lead or copper.

¹ The Action Level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.



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For more information on lead in drinking water visit:

- https://www.mass.gov/guides/is-there-lead-in-my-tap-water
- https://www.mass.gov/lead-in-drinking-water

For more information on copper in drinking water visit:

https://www.mass.gov/service-details/copper-and-your-health

MDPH Lead and Copper in Drinking Water FAQ and Quick Facts:

- https://www.mass.gov/service-details/sources-of-lead-besides-lead-paint
- Lead in Drinking Water FAQ (https://www.mass.gov/media/1571266/)
- Copper in Drinking Water FAQ (https://www.mass.gov/media/1571251/)

CDC: http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/default.htm.

USEPA: https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water

If you have any questions regarding lead or copper in drinking water or your lead or copper sampling results, please feel free to contact: Jimmy Majewski at 800-624-2327

Sincerely,