

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

The City of Jamestown Violated the Lead/Copper Monitoring Requirements for Drinking Water for the 2012-2014 Period

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. Even though this is not an emergency, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation. Please share this information with all 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.

What happened?

The Environmental Protection Agency and the North Dakota Department of Health require the City of Jamestown to submit a minimum of thirty (30) acceptable samples to a certified laboratory for lead and copper analysis each monitoring period. **During the three-year monitoring period ending September 30, 2014, the City of Jamestown did not collect the required samples for lead and copper, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.** 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?

There is nothing consumers need to do at this time. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What is being done?

The City of Jamestown regrets that this error in meeting monitoring requirements occurred. It is recognized that a complete monitoring program is of great value in making certain that safe drinking water is provided to all consumers. Steps have been taken to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

Although the validated samples showed no exceedance in the lead or copper limits, the failure of the Jamestown Water System to provide the Health Department the minimum number of required samples is a violation that requires us to: 1) Provide this notification of the violation directly to all consumers of the Jamestown Water System via U.S.P.S. mail; 2) Post this notification on the City of Jamestown internet web site; 3) Notify those specific individuals whose water samples were validated as to the results of their tests via U.S.P.S. mail; and 4) Increase the frequency of our sampling to once every six months for the duration of this violation. The City will also have additional copies of this notification available at City Hall during regular business hours.

For more information, please contact Steve Suko, the Utility Operations Director for the City of Jamestown at the water Treatment Plant at (701) 252-5131.

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