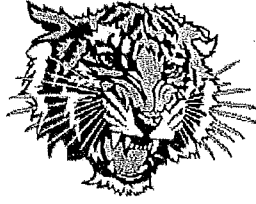


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Queets Clearwater School District 20

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5/28/21

Dear Families,

The attached document states that the school district did not submit a report. We are now in compliance with notifying consumers and providing public education to the community.

The Health Department requires districts to report to their communities regarding issues around lead in the water system. The attached notices explains in detail what the process and requirements are. We have currently hired a “Water Specialist” to help us with our process. Please feel free to contact Mr. Tim Carr at 360-740-9411 for any questions and/or concerns you may have.

The District purchased water cooler systems and water from “Water To Go” in Aberdeen for all classrooms and the cafeteria. Our students or staff do not drink from the water fountains only via the water coolers. Our water fountain’s are closed for over a year. Our cook follows all guidelines. We flush our system and follow protocols.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lorton
Superintendent

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER PUBLIC EDUCATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN YOUR DRINKING WATER

The Queets Clearwater School District found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some buildings/locations in our water system. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this information closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

Potential Health Effects of Lead

The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the body. Lead is accumulated in the bones and can be released later in life. Lead can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, interfere with production of red blood cells that carry oxygen, and may result in lowered IQ in children. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Children at play can come into contact with additional sources of contamination as dirt and dust that would rarely affect adults. Low levels of lead can affect adults with high blood pressure or kidney problems.

For more information, call the school office at 360-962-2395, or visit our Web site at queetsclearwaterschool.org. You may also contact our water system operator (Tim Carr) directly at 360-269-2534 or timcarrthewateryguy@gmail.com. For more information on reducing lead exposure and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> or contact your health care provider.

How Lead Gets Into Water

Lead in drinking water most often comes from water distribution lines or household plumbing rather than from the water system source. Plumbing sources can include lead pipes, lead solder, faucets, valves, and other components made of brass. Lead from other sources (such as lead-based paint and contaminated dust or soil) can increase a person's overall exposure, which adds to the effects of lead consumed in drinking water.

How you can reduce exposure:

- When your water has been sitting for 6 hours or more, flush water through the pipe by running the cold-water tap until the water is noticeably colder* before using for drinking or cooking. (The longer water has been sitting in the pipes, the more dissolved metals it may contain).
- Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Hot water may contain higher levels of lead. Boiling water can increase the level of lead in the water.

* You can use the flushed water for watering plants, washing dishes, or general cleaning.

Information on lead in drinking water is available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or online: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

You may also access Washington State Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/DrinkingWater>

PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM
For Non Transient Non Community Water Systems
Exceeding the Lead Action Level

Required Language

On the back of this document is a template lead public education notice. This template includes the minimum EPA-required language for Group A nontransient noncommunity water systems. This language must be included in all printed materials distributed as part of a lead public education program.

Delivery Requirements

Within 60 days of the action level exceedance, a nontransient noncommunity water system must post and distribute public education materials (with required language) as follows:

- Post information posters on lead in drinking water in a public place or common area in each of the buildings served by the system.
- Distribute informational pamphlets and/or brochures on lead in drinking water to each person served by the non-transient non-community water system. The State may allow the system to utilize electronic transmission (email) in lieu of or combined with printed materials as long as it achieves at least the same coverage.

Nontransient noncommunity (NTNC) water systems must repeat these tasks *at least once during each calendar year when* the 90th percentile lead results exceed the EPA action level. The system may discontinue public education activities once the sample results indicate the lead is below the action level.

Reporting Requirements

A letter should be sent to ODW (Office of Drinking Water) each year when the system has delivered the public education materials that meet the content and delivery requirements described above.

	<u>POSTERS AND NOTICES</u>	<u>CERTIFICATION TO STATE</u>
<u>Within 60 days of exceedance notice</u>	X	
January 10 th of Each Year		X

Additional Information

1. Available from EPA: The Public Notification website has a variety of different information available to assist purveyors in preparing their required public notification. You can reach the website at <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/publicnotification/compliancehelp.cfm>

You may also call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or write to the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Resource Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW (WH-550A), Washington, DC 20460 for a listing of documents available to assist you with public notification.

2. Available from AWWA: The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has prepared pamphlets/bill inserts including USEPA-approved mandatory language. AWWA can print and customize these with information specific to your system. AWWA's phone number for placing orders is 1-800-926-7337 (92 ORDER).

**NOTICE TO WATER SYSTEM USERS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ORDER ISSUED**

The purveyor(s) of Queets Clearwater School water system, ID #19891F, located in Jefferson County was issued a Washington State Department of Health Order on May 26, 2021.

The Department took this action because: The system exceeded the lead action level and did not submit a corrosion control treatment recommendation report (CCT-RR). Not doing this resulted in the system accruing a treatment technique violation (TTV).

The Order directs the water system to: Notify the consumers of the water system of the violation and to submit the CCT-RR.

These violations require this Public Notice to include the following mandatory health-effects language: Lead is accumulated in the bones and can be released later in life. Lead can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, interfere with production of red blood cells that carry oxygen, and may result in lowered IQ in children. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Children at play can come into contact with additional sources of contamination as dirt and dust that would rarely affect adults. Low levels of lead can affect adults with high blood pressure or kidney problems.

Segments of the population that may be at higher risk due to these violations include: The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters the body.

Currently, the water system is taking the following steps to return to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements: We are in the process of locating/retaining a professional engineer to help us design/implement a new corrosion control treatment system to mitigate the problem. _____

Steps customers should take to protect their health:

- When your water has been sitting for 6 hours or more, flush water through the pipe by running the cold-water tap until the water is noticeably colder* before using for drinking or cooking. **(The longer water has been sitting in the pipes, the more dissolved metals it may contain).**
- Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Hot water may contain higher levels of lead. Boiling water can increase the level of lead in the water.

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This Public Notification is being sent to comply with Section 7, Subpart A of Chapter 246-290 WAC. ____

For more information, contact: (system manager's name) Tim Carr (day phone) 360-269-2534

This notice was: (check all that apply) *(To be completed by Water System)*

- Mailed to all water users on (date) _____
- Hand delivered to all water users on (date) 05-28-2021
- Posted at (location) all building entrances on (date) 05-28-2021 **(BY DEPARTMENT APPROVAL ONLY).**
- (Other) *(prior approval from Department of Health required)*

SIGNATURE Tim Carr DATED 05-28-2021

SEND A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED FORM TO the Compliance and Enforcement contact listed in the accompanying Order.