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Notice Date: August 14, 2024

66-34

Argos Municipal Water Plant
Attn: Mr. Jamie Lindstrom
201 West Walnut Street
Argos, IN 46501

Dear Mr. Lindstrom:

Re: Lead and Copper
Reduced Monitoring Frequency
PWSID# 5250001

The Drinking Water Branch has received your two consecutive bi-annual rounds of forty (40) lead and copper samples that are below both the lead and copper action levels. These samples were collected during the July 1 to December 31, 2023, and January 1 to June 30, 2024, monitoring periods. Pursuant to 327 IAC 8-2-37(d)(4)(C), your system can reduce your monitoring frequency from bi-annual to once every year. You will be required to monitor from ten (10) locations between June 1 and September 30 once every year. **Your next scheduled monitoring period to collect ten (10) lead and copper distribution site samples is June 1 to September 30, 2025.**

You are required to provide Consumer Notification of Lead Results to your customers no later than thirty (30) days after learning of the tap monitoring results under 327 IAC 8-2-44 (d). You are also required to send a sample copy of the Consumer Notice of Lead Results to IDEM along with certification that the notice has been distributed under 327 IAC 8-2-46 (f) (3). The certification and sample copy need to be submitted to IDEM within three (3) months of the end of the monitoring period. The Consumer Notice of Lead Results forms are enclosed for 2024 for your use in notifying your customers. You will need to provide the Consumer Notification for all future monitoring periods. Submit this information to:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)
OWQ, Drinking Water Branch – Mail Code 66-34
Attn: Ms. Susie Fulford
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251



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Email: dwbmgr@idem.in.gov

If you have any questions about your lead and copper monitoring requirements, please contact Joe Stapinski at (317) 233-7094. If you have questions about your Customer Notification of Lead Results, please contact Susie Fulford at (317) 234-7451.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy Jones". The script is cursive and fluid.

Stacy Jones, Section Chief
Chemical and Surface Water Compliance
Section, Drinking Water Branch
Office of Water Quality

You may view your complete drinking water monitoring requirements at the following website: <https://myweb.in.gov/IDEM/DWW/>

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CONSUMER NOTICE OF LEAD RESULT IN DRINKING WATER

State Form 55275 (R2 / 10-19)

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Office of Water Quality – Drinking Water Branch – Compliance Section

IDEM – Drinking Water Branch
100 N. Senate Avenue
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Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251
Telephone: 317-234-7435
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- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Complete Consumer Notice of Lead Result and Certification form.
 2. Distribute a Consumer Notice of Lead Results to occupants of each location sampled within thirty (30) days of knowing the sample result.
 3. Submit a sample copy of the notice sent to consumers and a copy of the certification form to IDEM.

Water Supply Name: _____

County: _____ Public Water Supply Identification (PWSID) Number: _____

Sample Location: _____ Date Sampled (month, day, year): _____

Thank you for participating in the lead and copper monitoring of drinking water. The levels of lead and copper found at your location are in the table below.

| Key to Table | Contaminant | AL | MCLG | Your Result |
|---|--------------|-----|------|-------------|
| <p><u>Action Level (AL):</u> The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.</p> <p><u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):</u> The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.</p> <p><u>ppb:</u> parts per billion or micrograms per liter.</p> <p><u>ppm:</u> parts per million or milligrams per liter.</p> | Lead (ppb) | 15 | 0 | _____ |
| | Copper (ppm) | 1.3 | 1.3 | _____ |

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and it can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

To reduce exposure to lead in drinking water:

- Run your water to flush out lead. Run the water until it becomes cold.
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily in hot water.
- Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead levels.
- Look for alternative sources or treatment of water. If your lead result is above 15 ppb, you may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce lead or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010, or www.nsf.org for information on performance standards for water filters.
- Identify if your plumbing fixtures contain lead. New faucets, fittings, and valves, may contain up to 8 percent lead including those advertised as "lead-free" and may contribute lead to drinking water. Consumers should be aware of this when choosing fixtures and take appropriate precautions.

Although the primary sources of lead exposure for most children are deteriorating lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated soil, the U.S. EPA estimates that 10 to 20 percent of human exposure to lead may come from drinking water.

For more information, contact us at _____.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit the U.S. EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

Certification Form for Consumer Notice of Lead Results

Each public water system (PWS) must deliver a consumer notice of lead results to occupants of each location sampled within thirty (30) days of knowing the sample result under 327 IAC 8-2-44 (d) of the Indiana Administrative Code.

Not later than three (3) months following the end of the monitoring period, each PWS must mail a sample copy of the consumer notice of lead results to IDEM along with certification that the notice has been distributed under 327 IAC 8-2-46 (f) (3). You must submit the following forms to IDEM.

- ☐ Certification Form for Consumer Notice of Lead Results
- ☐ Sample copy of lead consumer notices sent to individual customers
- ☐ Copies of all lead consumer notices to customers with results greater than the lead Action Level of 15 ppb.

Submit this certification sheet along with a sample copy of the notice sent to consumers to IDEM at the following address:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Drinking Water Branch (66-34)
100 N. Senate Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Fax: 317-234-7436

E-mail: dwbmgr@idem.in.gov

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1 and other penalties specified by IC 13-30-10 that the public water supply has provided the consumer notice of lead results to persons served at each of the taps that was tested, either by mail or by another method approved by IDEM, within thirty (30) days of receiving the results from the laboratory. Attached is a sample of the notice I sent to consumers. It includes:

- The results of tap water monitoring for the tap that was tested.
- An explanation of the health effects of lead.
- Steps consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.
- Contact information for the public water supply.
- The maximum contaminant level goal and the action level for lead and the definition for these two terms.

Water Supply Name: _____

County: _____ PWSID: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Telephone: _____ Date (month, day, year): _____