

October 24, 2016

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**RE: Next Step
Lead-in-Water Testing
IEA Project #201610819**

Dear Mr. Vogel,

At the request of South Washington County Schools, IEA collected a total of 3 samples of drinking water on September 23, 2016, for lead analyses from the Next Step building.

The purpose of the site sampling was to document lead levels in the sampled locations and compare them to the EPA action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb).

INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 to identify and reduce lead in drinking water. Both the EPA and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommend testing of potable water sources (water used for consumption) every five years for the presence of lead. Lead is a metal that usually enters drinking water through the distribution system, including pipes, solders, faucets, and valves. Lead levels in water may increase when the water is allowed to sit undisturbed in the system, such as in science, biology, or art areas. Exposure to lead is a significant health concern, especially to infants and young children whose growing bodies absorb lead more readily than adult bodies do. Lead exposure can cause delays in physical and/or mental development in children and damage to the brain, kidneys, nervous system, and red blood cells. The EPA and MDH recommend that action be taken at a specific fixture when the lead concentration exceeds the EPA's action level for schools of 20 parts per billion (ppb).

METHODOLOGY

IEA collected 3 first-draw (unless otherwise noted) samples of approximately 500 milliliters (ml). "First draw" means the samples are collected before the fixture is used or flushed during the day. The first-draw sample results reflect a worst case scenario, i.e., the highest lead level that would be consumed by building occupants. Current protocol calls for flushing locations 8-18 hours prior to sampling.

Site map with sample locations are included in Appendix A. Water samples were analyzed by Minnesota Valley Testing Laboratories (MVTL) in New Ulm, Minnesota, which uses EPA approved analytical methods and quality control/assurance procedures. Samples were analyzed using the ICP/MS EPA Method 200.8.

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RESULTS & DISCUSSION

The lead-in-water sampling results for the Next Step building ranged from 2.05 ppb to 2.58 ppb. The sample results for the Next Step building are below the EPA action level of 20 ppb. The laboratory report is provided in Appendix B. Laboratory results are reported in micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) which is equivalent to parts per billion (ppb).

There are no results for the Next Step building with lead levels between 15 ppb and 20 ppb. For this range, although the EPA recommends that school drinking water not exceed 20 ppb, the MDH recommends schools seek to reduce the amount of lead in drinking water to as close to zero as possible. The highest result for the Next Step building was 2.58 ppb, the sink.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IEA recommends that a copy of the district's Lead- in-Drinking Water Testing Report be made available to staff and the public through the district's administrative offices.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The analysis and opinions expressed in this report are based upon water testing at South Washington County Schools. This report does not reflect variations in conditions that may occur. Actual conditions may vary and may not become evident without further assessment.

The report is prepared for the exclusive use of our client for specific application to the project discussed and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted environmental, health and safety practices. Other than as provided in the preceding sentence and in our Proposal #5406A dated August 5, 2016 regarding Lead-in-Water Testing, including the General Conditions attached thereto, no warranties are extended or made.

Please contact IEA if you would like assistance with any of the above recommendations or have questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

IEA, INC.


Amy Satterfield, CPPM I
Director of Business Development


Karen Weiblen
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Enclosure

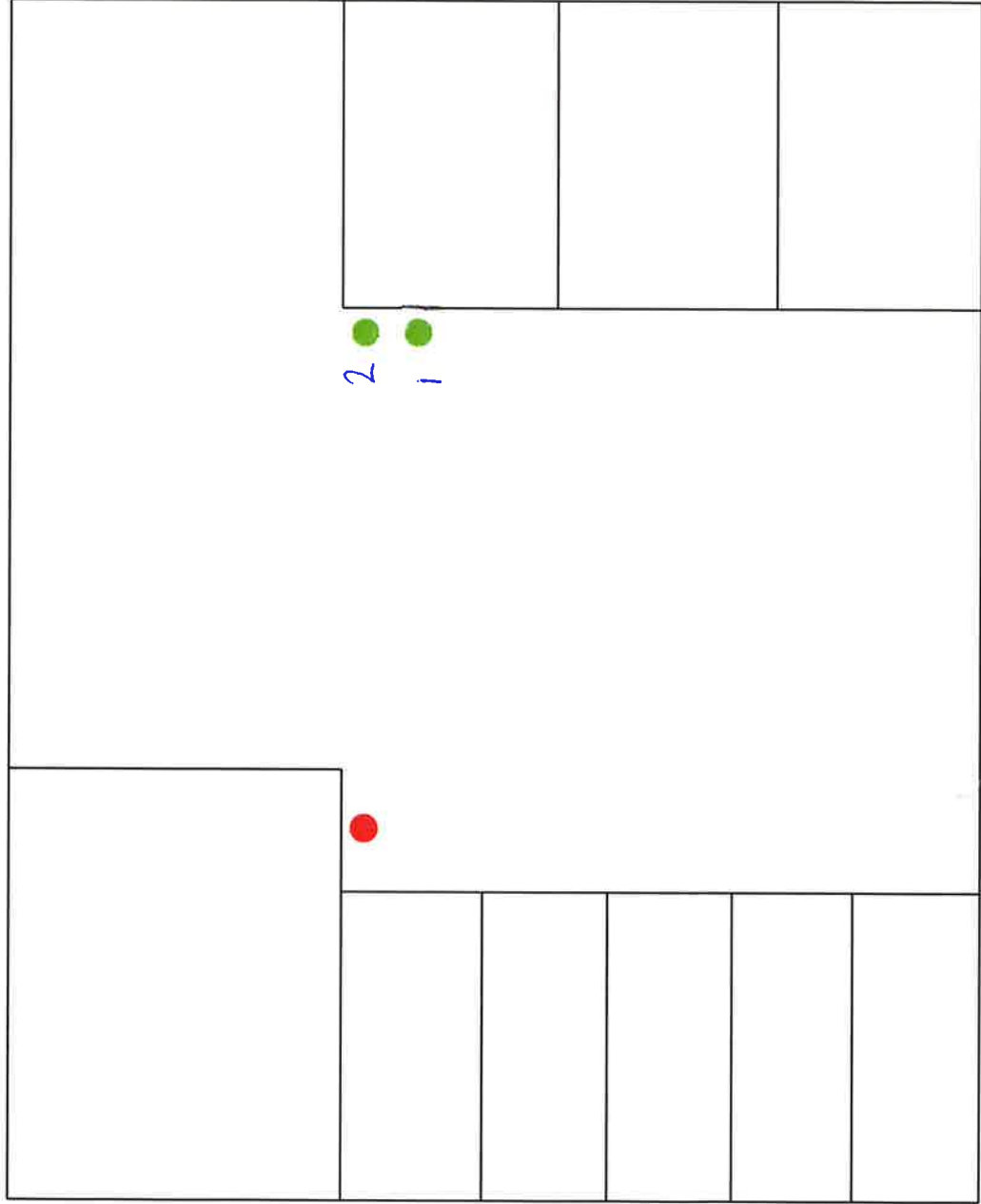
cc: Damien Nelson, Safety & Security

Appendix A
Site Map/Drawing

LEGEND

● SINK

● DRINKING FOUNTAIN



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FIRST LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

NEXT STEP



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Appendix B

Laboratory Testing Report



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Report Date: 24 Oct 2016

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Work Order #: 12-14669
 Account #: 002190
 Purchase Order #: 201610819

Date Received: 23 Sep 2016
 Date Sampled: 23 Sep 2016
 Temperature at Receipt: 20.1C

PROJECT NAME: NEXT STEP
 PROJECT NUMBER: 201610819

LAB NUMBER	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	LEAD RESULTS	MCL	DATE ANALYZED	ANALYST
16-A50853	09232016NS-1 SINK NEAR WATER COOLERS	2.38 ug/L	15.0	15 Oct 16	RMV
16-A50866	09232016NS-5 DF #2	2.58 ug/L	15.0	15 Oct 16	RMV
16-A50867	09232016NS-6 DF #1	2.05 ug/L	15.0	15 Oct 16	RMV

Approved by: 
 Dan O'Connell, Asst. Chemistry Laboratory Manager New Ulm, MN

Analyses performed under our Minnesota Department of Health Accreditation conform to the current TNI standards. The reporting limit was elevated for any analyte requiring a dilution as coded below:
 @ = Due to sample matrix # = Due to concentration of other analytes
 ! = Due to sample quantity + = Due to internal standard response
 CERTIFICATION: MN LAB # 027-015-125 WI LAB # 999447680 ND MICRO # 1013-M ND WW/DW # R-040

MVTL guarantees the accuracy of the analysis done on the sample submitted for testing. It is not possible for MVTL to guarantee that a test result obtained on a particular sample will be the same on any other sample unless all conditions affecting the sample are the same, including sampling by MVTL. As a mutual protection to clients, the public and ourselves, all reports are submitted as the confidential property of clients, and authorization for publication of statements, conclusions or extracts from or regarding our reports is reserved pending our written approval.