PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
*You can get there from here!*

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Newcomb Middle School violated a drinking water requirement by failing to submit an optimal corrosion control treatment (OCCT) recommendation and a source water treatment recommendation (SoWTR) to the state.

Water is routinely sampled at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The tests show lead levels in the water above the action level, requiring the school district to submit an OCCT and SoWTR recommendation to the New Jersey Division of Water Supply & Geoscience.

The recommendation should have been completed and submitted by 3/31/2025, but it was not submitted on time.

The tests were submitted on time and the results forwarded, but the plan on how to address the issue was not submitted on time.

The test is routinely conducted by a licensed water treatment operator, Charles W. Vester Jr., a contracted consultant.

We have made improvements to bring the lead level in compliance, but a long-term plan is needed, and when there is an exceedance, the state Department of Environmental Protection requires an action plan. The recommendation was submitted to the NJ Division of Water Supply & Geoscience by 5/16/2025.

The district will be working with a Pemberton Township recommended Engineer and the Department of Environmental Protection for additional enhancements to mitigate exceedance levels.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Reporting Requirements Not Met Newcomb Middle School

We violated a drinking water requirement. Our water system failed to submit an optimal corrosion control treatment (OCCT) recommendation and source water treatment recommendation (SoWTR), thereby violating a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct the situation.

**What happened?**

We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for lead and copper. The tests show lead levels in the water above the action level, so we are required to submit an OCCT and SoWTR recommendation to the NJ Division of Water Supply & Geoscience. The recommendation should have been completed and submitted by 03/31/2025.

**What does this mean?**

*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.*

**What should I do?** Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure:

- Run water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using to for drinking or cooking, if it hasn't been used for several hours.
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.
- Do not boil the water to remove lead and copper.
- Use alternate sources or treatment of water. You may want to consider using bottled water for drinking and cooking or a water filter designed to remove Lead and/or Copper. Read the package to be sure the filter is approved to reduce Lead and/or Copper or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance of standards for water filters. Be sure to maintain and replace a filter device in accordance with the manufacturer's standards to ensure water quality.
- Get your child tested. Contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for Lead if you are concerned about Lead exposure.

**What is being done?**

**This is not an emergency**, if it had been you would have been contacted immediately. The recommendation was submitted to the NJ Division of Water Supply & Geoscience by 05/16/2025.

For more information, please contact Michael Nikola at 609-893-8141 x/1972

**Please share this information with all the 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.**

This notice is being sent to you by: Newcomb Middle School
**PWSID#: 0329301**
Date distributed:4/28/26

| PWSID: | NJ0329301 | Water System Type: | Nontransient noncommunity (NTNC) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Water System Name: | NEWCOMB MIDDLE SCHOOL | System Status: | A |

**Sample Collection Date From** [ ] **To** [ ] Apply Filter

**Click on a link to see individual samples.**

## Lead/Copper Summaries

**""90th percentile calculations are subject to change due to sample submissions, sample reviews, sample rejections and data validity checks""**

| | | LEAD | | COPPER | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Compliance Period** | **Sample Frequency** | **# Samples Collected** | **90th Percentile*** | **# Samples Collected** | **90th Percentile*** |
| 01/01/2026--06/30/2026 | SEMIANNUAL | A 90th percentile value was not calculated | | A 90th percentile value was not calculated | |
| 07/01/2025--12/31/2025 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=2128) | SEMIANNUAL | 7 | 0.00552 MG/L | 7 | 0.378 MG/L |
| 01/01/2025--06/30/2025 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=2126) | SEMIANNUAL | 8 | 0.00241 MG/L | 8 | 0.288 MG/L |
| 01/01/2022--12/31/2024 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=1360) | TRIENNIAL | 11 | 0.0502 MG/L ****ALE**** | 11 | 1.13 MG/L |
| 01/01/2019--12/31/2021 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=1064) | TRIENNIAL | 10 | 0.00998 MG/L | 10 | 0.228 MG/L |
| 01/01/2016--12/31/2018 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=925) | TRIENNIAL | 10 | 0.00314 MG/L | 10 | 0.233 MG/L |
| 01/01/2013--12/31/2015 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=856) | TRIENNIAL | 10 | 0.0094 MG/L | 10 | 0.187 MG/L |
| 01/01/2010--12/31/2012 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=809) | TRIENNIAL | 10 | 0.0038 MG/L | 10 | 0.241 MG/L |
| 01/01/2007--12/31/2009 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=731) | TRIENNIAL | 10 | 0.0064 MG/L | 10 | 0.293 MG/L |
| 01/01/2005--12/31/2007 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=721) | TRIENNIAL | 10 | 0.0021 MG/L | 10 | 0.163 MG/L |
| 01/01/2002--12/31/2004 (PBCUSamples.jsp?tinwsys=1879&tmnmprd=461) | TRIENNIAL | 10 | 0.0026 MG/L | 10 | 0.255 MG/L |

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**^^ These samples were collected before June 1st and/or after September 30th and are not used to calculate a 90th percentile value for that MP.**
****ALE** ACTION LEVEL EXCEEDANCE**

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## Lead/Copper Results for Compliance Period: 01/01/2025--06/30/2025

### Lead

**8 Samples; 90th %ile: 0.00241 MG/L**

| Collection Date | Sample Pt ID | Sample #^ | Result* | Analysis Date | Date Received |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU7 | 250428040-06 | 0.00231 MG/L | 05/06/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU9 | 250428040-07 | 0.00111 MG/L | 05/06/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU14 | 250428040-08 | 0.00108 MG/L | 05/06/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU1 | 250428040-46 | 0.00283 MG/L | 05/06/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU2 | 250428040-47 | <0.001 MG/L | 05/06/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU3 | 250428040-48 | <0.001 MG/L | 05/06/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU5 | 250428040-49 | <0.001 MG/L | 05/06/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU6 | 250428040-50 | 0.00107 MG/L | 05/06/2025 | 05/09/2025 |

### Copper

**8 Samples; 90th %ile: 0.288 MG/L**

| Collection Date | Sample Pt ID | Sample #^ | Result* | Analysis Date | Date Received |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU7 | 250428040-06 | 0.156 MG/L | 05/01/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU9 | 250428040-07 | 0.168 MG/L | 05/01/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU14 | 250428040-08 | 0.302 MG/L | 05/01/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU1 | 250428040-46 | 0.152 MG/L | 05/01/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU2 | 250428040-47 | 0.284 MG/L | 05/01/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU3 | 250428040-48 | 0.186 MG/L | 05/01/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU5 | 250428040-49 | 0.133 MG/L | 05/01/2025 | 05/09/2025 |
| 04/25/2025 | PBCU6 | 250428040-50 | 0.155 MG/L | 05/01/2025 | 05/09/2025 |

^Rollover sample # to see lab name and ID and METHOD

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## Lead/Copper Results for Compliance Period: 07/01/2025--12/31/2025

### Lead

**7 Samples; 90th %ile: 0.00552 MG/L**

| Collection Date | Sample Pt ID | Sample #^ | Result* | Analysis Date | Date Received |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU1 | 250711060-01 | 0.00112 MG/L | 07/30/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU6 | 250711060-04 | 0.00511 MG/L | 07/30/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU7 | 250711060-05 | 0.00284 MG/L | 07/30/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU3 | 250711060-06 | 0.00225 MG/L | 07/30/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU2 | 250711060-07 | 0.00649 MG/L | 07/30/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU5 | 250711060-08 | <0.001 MG/L | 07/30/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU14 | 250711060-09 | 0.00102 MG/L | 07/30/2025 | 09/19/2025 |

### Copper

**7 Samples; 90th %ile: 0.378 MG/L**

| Collection Date | Sample Pt ID | Sample #^ | Result* | Analysis Date | Date Received |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU1 | 250711060-01 | 0.094 MG/L | 07/16/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU6 | 250711060-04 | 0.554 MG/L | 07/16/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU7 | 250711060-05 | 0.168 MG/L | 07/16/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU3 | 250711060-06 | 0.226 MG/L | 07/16/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU2 | 250711060-07 | 0.302 MG/L | 07/16/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU5 | 250711060-08 | 0.225 MG/L | 07/16/2025 | 09/19/2025 |
| 07/10/2025 | PBCU14 | 250711060-09 | 0.255 MG/L | 07/16/2025 | 09/19/2025 |

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