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Certification Form - Consumer Notice of Lead Tap Water Monitoring Results
Requirements Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 141.85(d)

This form and a copy of the notification must be submitted to the State within **3 months following the end of the monitoring period **

PWSID#: 0 3 2 4 3 0 2 **Water System Name:** HELEN Fort Moore School

Monitoring Period: 07/01/2026 - 12/31/2026

Date of Lead and Copper Sampling: 09/09/2026

Number of Sites Sampled: 20

Date Water System Received Results from Laboratory: 08/20/2026

Please check all that apply and provide information as indicated below:

1. ☐ Provided all consumers occupying homes or buildings sampled as part of the water system's lead and copper sampling with notification including the following:
   - ☑ Individual lead result for the sampled location
   - ☑ Explanation of health effects of lead
   - ☑ Steps consumers can take to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water
   - ☑ Contact information for the water system
   - ☑ The MCLG for lead
   - ☑ The action level for lead
   - ☑ Definition of MCLG and action level from 40 CFR Part 141.153(c) of the Consumer Confidence Rule

2 Was any lead sampling collected from a building with multiple units? ☐ Yes ☑ No
If yes,
☐ The water system provided notification to each individual unit that was tested.

3. ☑ Distributed the notification by mail (community water systems) or posted (noncommunity water systems) within 30 days of when the water system learned of the results.

4. ☑ **Attach a copy of the notification to this certification form.**

The public water system named above hereby certifies that consumer notification of lead tap water monitoring results has been provided with all delivery, content, and format requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 141.85(d).

Owner/Operator: [signature] Michael Nikola 609-843-8141
(Signature) (Print Name) (Phone Number)

Date of Certification: 9/14/26

CONSUMER NOTICE OF TAP WATER RESULTS

Contact us at 609-893-8141 to obtain a translated copy of the public education materials or to request assistance in the appropriate language.

09/09/2026

Dear Consumers,

As you may know, Helen Fort Middle School is also a public water system because we are responsible for providing you with water at this location and ensuring that the drinking water we provide meets state and federal standards. We collected a drinking water sample for lead in our building(s) at 20 locations on 08/20/2026. Below please find a chart illustrating the sampling locations and their results.

Sample Location	Result in mg/l
Main office sink	0.00127 mg/l
Main office bathroom	0.0193 mg/l
Kitchen 3 bowl sink	0.00526 mg/l
Kitchen bathroom sink	0.00560 mg/l
30 wing faculty bathroom 1	0.0217 mg/l
Faculty room sink	0.00131 mg/l
Fountain room 33	<0.00100 mg/l
Auditorium fountain	<0.00100 mg/l
Nurse sink room 30	0.00172 mg/l
Kitchen pot sink	0.0839 mg/l
Kitchen sink	0.00791 mg/l
Dish room sink	0.00812 mg/l
30 wing faculty bathroom 2	<0.00100 mg/l
30 wing fountain	<0.00100 mg/l
40 wing faculty sink	0.00289 mg/l
Fountain room 44	<0.00100 mg/l
Room 40 boys bathroom sink	0.00647 mg/l
Trainer sink	0.00549 mg/l
Team room left sink	0.00215 mg/l
Team room right sink	0.0103 mg/l

The school had a sample (Kitchen pot sink) that was submitted for testing, which had an exceedance above the DEP Lead action level of 0.015 mg/l. The value of the Kitchen pot sink was 0.0839 mg/l. The Kitchen pot sink will be taken out of service and scheduled for repair. *[EPA recommends that the 90th percentile level be included, if known prior to the delivery deadline.]*

What Does This Mean?

Under the authority of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA set the action level for lead in drinking water at 15 ppb. The action level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. An action level exceedance is determined by measuring the highest concentration of lead in tap water that is exceeded by 10 percent of the sites sampled during a monitoring period (90th percentile value). If water from the tap does exceed this limit, then the water system must take certain steps to correct the problem Because lead may pose serious health risks, the EPA set a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) of zero for lead. The MCLG is 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.

What Are the Health Effects of Lead?

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.

What Are the Sources of Lead?

Although most lead exposure occurs when people eat paint chips and inhale dust, or from contaminated soil, EPA estimates that 10 to 20 percent of human exposure to lead may come from lead in drinking water. Lead is rarely found in source water but enters tap water through corrosion of plumbing materials. New brass faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free", may contribute lead to drinking water. The law currently allows end-use brass fixtures, such as faucets, with up to 0.25 percent lead to be labeled as "lead free". However, prior to January 4, 2014, "lead free" allowed up to 8 percent lead content of the wetted surfaces of plumbing products including those labeled National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) certified. Visit the NSF website at www.nsf.org to learn more about lead-containing plumbing fixtures. Consumers should be aware of this when choosing fixtures and take appropriate precautions.

When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into your drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning, or later in the afternoon if the water has not been used all day, can contain fairly high levels of lead.

What Can I Do to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water?

1. **Run your water to flush out lead.** Let the water run from the tap before using it for drinking or cooking any time the water in the faucet has gone unused for more than six hours. The longer the water resides in plumbing the more lead it may contain. Flushing the tap means running the cold-water faucet for about 15 to 30 seconds. If you have a lead service line or a service line of unknown material; let the water run from the tap longer based on the length of the lead service line and the plumbing configuration. In other words, the larger the home or building and the greater the distance to the water main (in the street), the more water it will take to flush properly.

2 **Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.** Because lead from lead-containing plumbing materials and pipes can dissolve into hot water more easily than cold water, never drink, cook, or prepare beverages including baby formula using hot water from the tap. It is recommended that bottled or filtered water be used for drinking and preparing baby formula If you need hot water, draw water from the cold tap and then heat it.

3. **Do not boil water to remove lead.** Boiling water will not reduce lead.

4. **Regularly remove and clean aerators/screens on plumbing fixtures.** Over time, particles and sediment can collect in the aerator screen. Regularly remove and clean aerators screens located at the tip of faucets and remove any particles.

For More Information

Call us at 609-893-8141 For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit 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.

You can check our analytical results and monitoring requirements (i.e., the frequency of sampling and number of samples) on New Jersey Drinking Water Watch at www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/waterwatch.