

Unatego Central School District

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts and boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) in New York State to test potable water systems for lead contamination and to take responsive actions. To implement this new law, the Department of Health issued emergency regulations, titled Lead Testing in School Drinking Water -10 NYCRR Subpart 67-4 (Subpart 67- 4), effective September 6, 2016.

Schools are responsible for identifying the total number of outlets that require sampling. Samples must be first draw samples, collected in 250 ml containers, and taken from a cold water outlet where the water has been motionless in the pipes for a minimum of 8 hours but not more than 18 hours. Samples must be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified under the Department of Health's Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP).

For school buildings in service as of the effective date of this regulation, by September 30, 2016, all buildings serving children in prekindergarten through grade five must have collected and submitted a sample from all potable water outlets. Any schools serving children in grades six through twelve, not including children in lower grades, must complete collection and submit samples, from all potable water outlets, by October 31, 2016.

If lead levels are detected above 15 parts per billion (ppb) at any potable water outlet, the school must discontinue use of that outlet until a lead remediation plan is implemented to mitigate the lead level, and test results indicate that the lead levels are at or below the action level. The school must ensure that building occupants have an adequate alternate supply of potable water for drinking and cooking until the remediation plan is implemented. Schools must report the exceedance to the local health department (LHD) within one business day. Test results must also be provided in writing to all staff and parents no more than 10 business days after receiving the report.

Pursuant to the accompanying regulations, the Unatego Central School District sampled all potable water outlets that are currently or potentially used for drinking and cooking purposes including but not limited to bubblers, drinking fountains, and faucets. Faucets may be located anywhere on school property where drinking water is currently or potentially obtained, including but not limited to the athletic field. First draw samples were drawn using the EPA's 3 T's Guidelines. To date, we only have the test results of Otego and Unadilla Elementary Schools. The results of the Junior-Senior High School will be made available as soon as they are received. In the two elementary schools, of the 68 samples drawn, 7 exceeded the limit of 15 ppb. Those areas are listed below. Notification was made to all staff and legal guardians of students. The district shut down these outlets, posted signage to indicate that no one should use water from those outlets for drinking, and we are in the process of performing remediation. At such time as the remediation is completed the District will resample these outlets. All sampling records will be retained for a period of 10 years at the district office and are available for review during normal business hours.

HOSE BIB – Otego PLAYGROUND	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead	16
<u>OES BOYS LOCKER ROOM</u>	<u>Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4</u>	<u>EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>77</u>

UES 105	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead	150
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OLD BOILER ROOM TOILET (UES)	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead	840
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KITCHEN HAND SINK 1 (UES)	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead	45
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UES ROOM 109	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead	31
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Custodial Restroom (UES)	Total Lead by ICP/MS, EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	EPA 200.8 Rev 5.4	Lead	19
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