

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Voorhees High School Fails to Meet Established Water Quality Parameter (WQP) Levels

Our water system recently violated a New Jersey drinking water requirement, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

Contact Rob Sabo at (908)638-2152 or rsabo@nhvweb.net for questions or to obtain a translated copy of this public notice.

Our water system has corrosion control treatment installed to help prevent lead and/or copper in the pipes from dissolving into the water. The corrosion control treatment was deemed optimized; and therefore, the New Jersey department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) established optimal Water Quality Parameters (WQP) values, which are values the corrosion control treatment functions most effectively. We monitor for WQP values per federal regulations.

During the 6-month monitoring period January 1st 2025 to June 30th 2025, our WQP sample results did not meet the optimal WQP values set by the NJDEP for 14 days, and the water system cannot be below the minimum level(s) or outside the range(s) set by the NJDEP for more than nine (9) days.

In addition to monitoring optimal WQP values, our water system routinely monitors for lead and copper. The most recent monitoring conducted from July 1st 2025 to December 31st 2025 demonstrated we are in compliance with the Federal action levels for lead and copper. If there is a lead action level exceedance, you will be notified accordingly.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. This violation does not mean there is confirmed lead and/or copper in your drinking water. However, since corrosion control treatment is used to protect residents from lead and copper potentially leaching from internal pipes and solder, it is important to be aware of the health effects of lead and copper and steps you may take to reduce your exposure.

- 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.
- Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal physician.

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about your drinking water.

Typically, lead and/or copper enters drinking water by leaching from pipes and plumbing components in [homes and/or building(s)]. We [have treatment installed and/or receive treated water] to reduce the wearing away of lead and/or copper leaching from pipes and plumbing components into the water and optimal WQP values set to ensure effectiveness of the treatment. Failure to meet the set values requires us to evaluate the currently installed treatment and operation thereof and take actions necessary to meet the optimal WQP values.

What should I do?

You do **not need** to use an alternate water supply (e.g., bottled water). However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. Additionally, if you would like to reduce your potential exposure to lead and/or copper in drinking water, you may choose to take the following steps:

- Run water to flush out lead and/or copper. Run water for 15 – 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking if it hasn't been used for several hours.
- Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; Lead dissolves more quickly into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.
- Do not boil water. Boiling water will not reduce lead and/or copper levels.
- 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 additional steps you may take to reduce your exposure to lead in drinking water, see <https://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-consumer.html>.

What is being done?

Following the low DS pH sample on 10/14/25, we have been in compliance with values reported since 1/15/25. Orthophosphate was installed and caustic was optimized in October of 2024.

For more information, please contact Rob Sabo at (908)638-2152 or rsabo@nhvweb.net.

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 Voorhees HS State Water System ID#: NJ1019314

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Public Notification Certification Form – Tiers 1, 2 & 3
Requirements Pursuant to 40 CFR 141, Subpart Q and NJAC 7:10

*****This form and a copy of the Public Notification must be submitted by the supplier of water (water system or Licensed Operator of Record) to the State within 10 days of issuance*****

PWSID#: NJ1019314 Water System Name: Voorhees High School
Violation #: 6624 Individual Parameter or Group: LEAD & COPPER RULE (5000)
Compliance/Monitoring Period: 01/01/2025--06/30/2025 Violation, ALE or Situation Date: 12/2/25

Violation or Situation Type: (Check appropriate box)

☒ Treatment Technique ☐ Water Main Break ☐ Monitoring & Reporting ☐ E.coli Positive Source Water Sample
☐ MCL ☐ Lead Action Level Exceedance (ALE) ☐ MRDL ☐ Consecutive System ☐ Other: _____

For RTCR Assessment Violations Only: ☐ Level 1 Treatment Technique ☐ Level 2 Treatment Technique

Public Notification Tier: (Check appropriate box) ☐ Tier 1 ☒ Tier 2 ☐ Tier 3

Notification for an ongoing/repeat violation: Yes ☐ No ☐

Check all that apply and provide information as indicated below:

1. ☐ Consulted with DEP within 24 hours (Tier 1) or 48 hours (Tiers 2 & 3): Date & Time: _____

2. ☒ Distributed/Posted Notification: Date & Time: 1-5-26 12pm

3. ☐ Provided notification to all owners and operators of consecutive systems which received water during the compliance period indicated above: Date & Time: _____
List Water System Names and PWSID Numbers (attach additional pages as needed):

☐ Not Applicable

4. ☐ For a Boil Water Advisory for community and nontransient noncommunity water systems only, notified the mayor and municipal clerk of each affected municipality within 1 hour of becoming aware by telephone and electronic mail: Date & Time: _____

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Water System Name: Voorhees High School

PWSID: NJ1019314

5. Distributed the Public Notification by the following method(s) and on the following date(s) in accordance with 40CFR 141.201 to reach all person served:

Required methods for Tier 1 (must be distributed at a minimum by one of the following methods as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours):

☐ Appropriate broadcast media (such as radio and television) Date: _____

☐ Posting of notification in conspicuous locations throughout the area served Date: _____

☐ Hand delivery of the notification to persons served Date: _____

☐ Other (prior approval from the State is required):

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Required methods for Tier 2 and Tier 3 (must choose a minimum of one distribution method from (a) and (b)):

(a) ☒ Individual Mailing to Customers Date: _____

☐ Hand Deliver Notification to Customers Date: _____

☐ In the Annual Report (for Tier 3 Public Notification only) Date: _____

(b) ☐ Publish Notification in a Newspaper Date: _____

☐ Post Notification on the System's Website Date: _____

☐ Billing Date: _____

☐ Reverse 911 Date: _____

☒ Continuously post in a public location Date: 1-5-26

(required for non-community water systems)

☐ Other (prior approval from the State is required): _____

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Note: Non-community water systems that serve a school, preschool or any other childcare facilities must also hand deliver the notification to a parent or legal guardian of each child for Tier 1, 2 and 3 violations and situations. For more information, reference EPA's Public Notification Rule Compliance Help for Water System Owners and Operators website at: <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/public-notification-rule-compliance-help-water-system-owners-and-operators>.

6. ☐ (For Lead ALE Only) We verify that a copy of the Tier 1 public notification was sent to the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water via Watersupply@dep.nj.gov and to the EPA via LeadALE@epa.gov within 24 hours of being made aware of the exceedance.

7. **Content – 10 Required Elements Checklist:** 40 CFR 141 Subpart Q (Ensure all items are included.)

☒ Used DEP approved template available on the website at <https://nj.gov/dep/watersupply/>.

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If a DEP approved template was not used, check all that apply:

- ☐ Description of violation or situation including contaminant and contaminant levels as appropriate.
- ☐ Date violation or situation occurred.
- ☐ Potential adverse health risks, using mandatory language provided in the rule.
- ☐ The population at risk, including sub-populations particularly vulnerable if exposed. Whether alternate water supply should be used.
- ☐ What action consumers should take, including when to seek medical help, if known.
- ☐ What the system is doing to correct the violation or situation.
- ☐ When the system expects to return to compliance or resolve the situation.
- ☐ Contact information: Owner name, business address, and phone number of the water system owner, operator or designee that can provide additional information concerning the notification.
- ☐ A statement encouraging recipients to distribute the notification to other persons served, using standard language from the rule.
- ☐ For monitoring and reporting violations included required language provided in the rule (for Tier 3 Public Notification only).

8. Attach a copy of the completed Public Notification(s) and if applicable, a copy of the written notification or verbal transcript provided to the EPA, mayor and/or municipal clerk, to this certification form.

☒ I hereby certify that public notification has been provided to its consumers in accordance with all delivery, content, and format requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 141 and NJAC 7:10.

Water System Owner/Executive Director Signature: Robert Sabo Date: 1-5-26

Printed Name: Rob Sabo Title: Custodial Supervisor

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Licensed Operator of Record Signature: Alan Brower Date: _____

Printed Name: Alan Brower License Number: 497556

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