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Lead in Drinking Water

Following the news of the Lead Crisis in Flint Michigan, I received several calls from concerned water customers from Crystal Falls Township and the City of Crystal Falls. The big question on everyone's mind: "Is there lead in my water?" To answer that correctly is difficult. The water that is produced by the Township does not contain any measurable content of lead. The lead is in homes that have lead solder joints. Lead sampling took place in 1992. Monitoring is targeted at homes that are "high risk" (i.e. homes with lead solder plumbing after 1982).

The sample bottles are distributed by Public Works personnel to the 15 homes that were assessed to be high risk. The sample is taken by the homeowner/resident. The sample point/faucet must not have been used for at least 6 hours. So, if you did not use this faucet in quite some time, of course there is going to be measureable amounts of lead in the sample. The maximum contaminant level set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is 15 parts per billion. Most of the 15 samples in Crystal Falls Township are well below the contaminant level. You can find more information about lead in drinking water on the EPA website.

<http://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#getinto>

Feel free to contact me for further questions on this matter.

Thank you

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