



CITY OF MARYSVILLE

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Dear Marysville Residents:

In light of the recent water crisis in Flint, there have been many confusing statements regarding the water quality of municipalities across the U.S., including the City of Marysville. I would like to take a moment to clarify some of the data you may have seen. In a nutshell, the City of Marysville water meets or exceeds all testing standards, including lead, and is completely safe.

The main issue I want to clarify is that The City of Marysville has not detected lead in the water we produce. Lead is not naturally occurring in the St Clair River, nor is it released into the water during or after treatment at the filtration plant, nor is it incurred during transmission to our water towers and distribution system. The fact is that lead is introduced into drinking water in one of three ways: as it enters lead based individual service lines between the water main and a home; the interior plumbing of homes that are constructed of lead; or the interior plumbing of homes that are constructed with lead solder joints in copper plumbing. Lead service lines and inside plumbing are normally found in older homes (typically 1910-1950) and lead solder can be found on copper plumbing that was installed before 1987 (lead solder was banned June 1986).

We are required by the Lead and Copper Rule to test the water in 20 homes in a prioritized structure, with a lead service line home being the top priority. All of the 20 homes we test have records that indicate they still have lead service lines. The results of the testing are placed against an "Action Level" standard issued by the EPA and enforced through MDEQ. The EPA has set an Action Level for lead of 15ppb at the 90th percentile. Our 90th percentile is 12ppb, which means we are 20% below the EPA Action Level for lead.

Again, we have NOT exceeded our lead level requirements set forth by EPA and our water is entirely safe to drink.

A copy of the City of Marysville's Water Quality Report can be found on our website. If you would like more information on the Lead and Copper Rule, please follow this link:

<http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule>

Next week, the City will be sending a letter to all residents with further details regarding these issues to ensure that every resident understands the facts regarding our water. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to reach me using the contact information below:

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