**[Water System Name] exceeded the Action Level for Lead**

**What Happened?**

Between [Month/Year] and [Month/Year], we collected [insert # of samples] samples and analyzed them for lead. The results of more than 10 percent of our samples exceeded the action level for lead.

**IF A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH IS SPOKEN BY A POPULATION OF 10% OR MORE WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY BASED ON US CENSUS DATA REPEAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN ENGLISH AND THE APPLICABLE LANGUAGE(S):** “Contact [name of contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address] for questions or to obtain a translated copy of this public notice.”

**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 people 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.\**

Some steps you can take to reduce the amount of lead in you drinking water are properly use a filter certified to remove lead, clean existing aerators, and only use cold water for cooking and drinking. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk from lead in drinking water are available from EPA’s website: <https://www.epa.gov/lead>. Additional information and helpful links can be found on the State’s website: <https://dep.nj.gov/lead/>.

**What is being done? Include any actions you plan to take with a statement such as the following:** We plan to take the following actions:

* We are conducting additional lead and/or water quality monitoring of our water system supply. If you would like your water sampled, contact us at [phone number or email address].
* We are making [point-of-use or pitcher] filters available to customers [describe availability such as who may obtain a filter and where].
* We are making bottled water available to customers [describe availability such as who may obtain bottled water and where].
* We are investigating and removing lead-containing plumbing materials within the facility (or installing water filters at locations impacted by lead-containing plumbing). *[Note, this is intended for very small CWS and NTNCWS that have control of all the plumbing in their distribution system.]]*
* We are conducting a treatment review to ensure that our corrosion control treatment is operating optimally.
* We have an ongoing lead service line replacement program that will remove known lead service lines and determine the materials of unknown service lines.
* [Include only if completed] We have notified all homeowners with suspected lead service lines at this time.

For more information, please contact [Name of Contact] at [phone number] or [mailing address] [**OPTIONAL:** or via email at [email address]].

Landlords must distribute this information to every tenant as soon as practicable, but no later than three business days after receipt. Delivery must be done by any means such as email and by posting the information in a prominent location at the entrance of each rental premises.

*\*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 [Water System]; PWSID#: [PWSID].

Date distributed: \_\_\_\_\_\_