

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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## Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Dickinson Township Municipal Authority

Our water system violated a drinking water standard this year. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During June to September 2016 we did not monitor for Lead and Copper and therefore cannot certify the quality of our drinking water during that time.*

### What should you do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

(The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during June to September 2016, how often we are supposed to sample for this/these contaminant(s), how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were or will be taken.)

Contaminant	Required Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	When samples should have been taken	When samples will or were taken
Lead and Copper	Triennial	0	June - September 2016	June - September 2017

### What Happened?

The Dickinson Township Municipal Authority is required to conduct various tests of the water it provides to its customers. Some of these tests are conducted daily, some are monthly and others only occur every few years. Two such required tests are for lead and copper. These tests are to be performed every three years. Lead and copper tests were last completed during 2013 and those test results were well within EPA required limits. Based on our compliance schedule the lead and copper testing should have been performed again between June and September of 2016 and unfortunately this was not done. Failure to conduct these tests appears to be the result of confusion as to who was responsible to conduct the tests. The issue of lead and copper content was discussed at the Authority's March 22, 2016 meeting and the Authority was assured that lead levels are well within EPA requirements because 1) prior triennial test results were well within EPA requirements, 2) the Dickinson Township water system is relatively new and contains no lead service lines and, 3) lead solder was outlawed prior to the water system being constructed, and most importantly, 4) all of Dickinson Township water is provided by South Middleton Township Municipal Authority and their lab test verify lead and copper levels were below monitoring threshold requirements.

### What Is Being Done?

Testing for lead and copper will be conducted in June of 2017. At that time water samples will be taken from five (5) of the Authority's customers in accordance with the Authority's Lead & Copper Sample Site Plan. This cannot be done sooner because compliance standards require the tests be conducted between June and September when the water temperature is best to facilitate accurate test results. Additionally, we have clearly defined responsibilities for all future testing.

While the Authority was remiss in not having met the lead and copper-testing requirement in 2016 we are extremely confident that this year's test results will confirm that the water is safe for all water usage purposes including personal consumption. We will provide you with an update when the testing is completed later this year.

For more information, please contact Larry Barrick at 717-486-7424.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

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