

DRINKING WATER NOTICE

Northern Perry Co. Water #1 Has Failed to Comply with Lead and Copper Treatment Requirements

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely sample water at consumers' taps for copper. The tests show copper levels in the water above the limit, or "action level," so we are required to install treatment. This treatment helps prevent lead in the pipes from dissolving into the water. We were required to recommend treatment to Ohio EPA by June 30, 2019, but failed to submit that recommendation as required.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified **within 24 hours**. Typically, copper enters water supplies by leaching from copper or brass pipes and plumbing components. 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 doctor.

What is being done?

Because we exceeded the action level during the July 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018, monitoring period, we are still required to submit a treatment recommendation to Ohio EPA. The recommendation will be submitted to Ohio EPA by JERRY REHART II.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

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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.

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