

Lead Testing in School Drinking Water

Overview

The Minnesota Commissioners of Health and Education jointly developed a model plan requiring public schools serving students in Kindergarten through grade 12 to test drinking water for the presence of lead. This plan is designed to ensure that testing procedures are conducted accurately and efficiently in school facilities. Whenever possible, the plan aligns with standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and may incorporate guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health publication *Reducing Lead in Drinking Water: A Technical Guidance for Minnesota's School and Child Care Facilities*.

In accordance with **Minnesota Statute 121A.335** and guidance provided by the Minnesota Department of Health, Beacon Academy conducts testing of drinking water sources within the school building as part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.

School Plan

Beacon Academy has adopted the state's model plan to test for lead in drinking water in a manner that is consistent with Minnesota Department of Health recommendations. This plan outlines procedures for sampling water sources that are used for drinking and food preparation within the school facility.

Frequency of Testing

Beacon Academy will conduct testing of drinking water sources at intervals of no more than five years to ensure the continued safety and quality of the school's water supply.

If testing identifies lead levels that exceed the action level established in Minnesota Department of Health guidance, the affected water source will be immediately removed from service or made inaccessible until appropriate remediation steps have been taken.

Reporting and Communication

If test results indicate lead levels above the action level identified in state guidance, Beacon Academy will take prompt action. Within 30 days of receiving the test results, the school will either:

- Remediate the issue and verify that lead levels are below the action threshold through follow-up testing, or
- Notify parents and guardians of the test results and the actions being taken.

Any water source identified as exceeding the recommended lead level will remain unavailable until the issue has been fully addressed. Testing results will be posted and maintained on the Beacon Academy website for transparency and public access.

Questions

If you have questions regarding Beacon Academy's Lead Testing Policy or water testing results, please contact:

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