IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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Crystal Spring Water Vended Water System, located on Route 272 in Adamstown, PA has Levels of Lead Above Drinking Water Standards

This notice does not apply to Crystal Spring Bottled Water, which is an unrelated company.

The Crystal Spring Water vended water system recently violated a safe drinking water standard, and then failed to notify customers and failed to notify the Department. Although this incident is not an emergency, as customers, you have a right to know what happened and what is being done to correct this situation.

Crystal Spring Water was required to routinely monitor its finished water for contaminants. Testing results for a sample collected on September 16, 2015 show that its water exceeded the standard (or maximum contaminant level, MCL), for *lead.* The standard for lead is 5 ppb for vended water systems. The lead concentration in Crystal Spring's vended water was <u>16 ppb</u>.

What should I do?

Consumers wishing to reduce their lead exposure should use an alternative water supply.

What does this mean?

This did not and does not pose an immediate risk. If it had been, Crystal Spring Water should have notified you immediately. However, infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the standard could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Customers with specific health concerns should speak with their doctor.

What happened? What was done?

On September 16, 2015, the owner of Crystal Spring Water took a water sample from one of the vending machine dispensers. The laboratory determined that sample had a lead concentration of 16 ppb. In response to this violation of the lead standard, Crystal Spring Water failed to notify its customers, failed to notify the Department of Environmental Protection, and failed to do any additional lead testing.

This notice is being provided by the Department of Environmental Protection, after it learned of the lead violation and of Crystal Spring Water's failure to properly respond.

For more information, please contact Crystal Spring Water owner, <u>Mr. Lynn Rannels at 717-484-5129</u>. 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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