



## Press Release

# Rutland City Drinking Water Meets Federal Lead Standard

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Rutland, VT – Tests on Rutland City drinking water confirm that it meets U.S. EPA contaminant levels for lead. Contaminants in drinking water have recently attracted public attention due to the lead crisis in Flint, Michigan and PFOA contamination in Hoosick Falls, NY and Bennington, VT.

Rutland City water was tested for PFOA in 2014 and none was found. Lead levels are checked every three years, and consistent with the 2013 results, Rutland City water was found to be well under EPA's "maximum contaminant level" of 15 parts per billion (PPB).

Of 32 samples tested this June and July, 29 detected no lead, 2 had levels of 1 PPB and one had a level of 2 PPB.

"These results affirm that Rutland's drinking water continues to meet every state and federal standard," said Rutland City Commissioner of Public Works Jeff Wennberg. "Recent news from around the nation has reminded us of the importance of safe drinking water. This is a responsibility local officials take most seriously, so we are pleased to report to our customers that their water continues to be safe."

Lead testing is done at the tap in homes that are most likely to have the problem, under conditions most likely to show contamination. The City implemented a corrosion control program in the 1990s to address the issue and since then has consistently met the standard.

Detailed information about Rutland's drinking water can be found at [www.rutlandcity.org/ccr](http://www.rutlandcity.org/ccr).

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