



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. Water delivered to Rutland’s customers is lead free, but household plumbing installed prior to the mid-80’s may contain the metal. The EPA requires testing every three years at the tap in homes most likely to have lead in plumbing fixtures.

Consistent with the 2013 and 2016 results, Rutland City was found to be well under EPA’s “maximum contaminant level” of 15 parts per billion (PPB). Of 33 household samples tested in June, 30 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 Vermont and 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.”

Rutland implemented a corrosion control program in the 1990s to address the issue and since then has consistently met the Federal standard.

Lead in drinking water was a topic of concern in the recently adjourned legislative session in Montpelier. On June 17th the Governor signed into law Act 66, requiring lead drinking water testing in schools and day care facilities by the end of this year. The new Vermont standard for lead levels at these facilities is 4 parts per billion. The testing results described here are not part of that program.

Detailed information about Rutland’s drinking water can be found at www.rutlandcity.org/ccr.

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