



HENDERSONVILLE UTILITY DISTRICT COMMENTS ON LEAD AND COPPER

As customers of the Hendersonville Utility District (HUD), we are aware many of you may have concerns about the lead levels in your water after the unfortunate events that have occurred in Flint, Michigan. HUD has been testing for lead contamination in your water since 1991. We have never had a positive test for lead since that testing has been in place.

Our water mains are ductile iron, with a small amount of cast iron, and our service lines to your meters are copper. We are not responsible for plumbing from the meter to the residences and businesses, but we do not know of any lead piping in your plumbing and service lines as can be found in older cities in the north and northeast. Lead was used in soldering copper pipes prior to September, 1998; so homes and businesses built prior to this date in Hendersonville could have lead joints in their service lines and plumbing.

HUD uses sodium orthophosphate* as a corrosion inhibitor that coats the pipes and prevents lead from leaching into the water. We have been using this treatment method successfully for over twenty-five (25) years.

All testing for lead in your system is performed by an independent laboratory and the results reported to the State and HUD.

If you have any questions on this issue please feel free to contact Mr. Mark Bamberg, HUD Operations Manager, at (615) 824-3717.

***a sodium salt widely used in pharmaceutical manufacturing, medicine and chemistry**