

However, we want to be very clear that the lead levels being detected in Flint drinking water are not coming from the treatment plant or the city's transmission lines. Treated water leaving the plant has no detectable levels of lead in it. The issue is how, whether, and to what extent the drinking water is interacting with lead plumbing in people's homes.

It does not appear the Virginia Tech research lab is certified, and we can't speak to the sampling methods being employed to achieve these results. The results reported so far fail to track with any of the lead sampling conducted by the city. In addition, the Virginia Tech results are not reflected by the blood lead level testing regularly conducted by the state department of community health that have not shown any change since Flint switched sources.

The state's compliance monitoring program requires the city to use certified laboratories and a standardized, federal testing protocol that looks specifically at the homes in communities most likely to experience lead problems. The latest results from Flint, obtained from two separate rounds of testing over the past year, indicated that Flint drinking water, meets state and federal safe drinking water standards for lead.

That said, the state has requested Flint to 'optimize' its water treatment to further limit exposure to lead from plumbing in homes. While statute allows several years for a drinking water system to actually undertake this process – Detroit took five years to complete its water optimization work – we are encouraging Flint water system operators to take these steps immediately and we are encouraged by the conversation so far.

Any resident who has concerns about lead in their drinking water should have their water tested at a certified laboratory and get professional consultation on how to address it. The leading cause of lead poisoning is known to be lead paint and, in some areas, environmental legacy hot spots where lead is present in soils. However, I will say it again: when homes are fitted with lead plumbing or plumbing fixtures containing lead, homeowners should assume there is some varied level of interaction between water and pipes that results in lead exposure.

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See below from Peters staff RE Flint water. Thanks!

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Are you able to share the most recent correspondence from MDEQ to Flint regarding the lead in water issue? Corrosion etc? I think I mentioned in our meeting that EPA said that MDEQ recently sent a letter or something to Flint specifically on lead and/or corrosion. Thanks.

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