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Thanks Brad.

From: Wurfel, Brad (DEQ) [mailto:WurfelB@michigan.gov]
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Most important bit: The lead we are talking about comes from lead pipes, plumbing and service connection in people's homes. This isn't lead in the system, the source water or the drinking water plant. It's about how the water interacts with the pipes in homes.

I've included three documents of interest. One is an FAQ. Start there. The second is Flint's lead history – the point is to show that we've been testing the system every three years since 1992, and the trace lead amounts in the water aren't a new thing by any means.

The third piece comes from the Department of Community Health. They test blood lead levels in kids every year. The numbers go up in the summer, because kids are playing outside, folks have windows open, and ingestion of lead from traditional sources (lead paint, dust, and soil deposition from historic industry and automobiles) goes up in the summer. But the trends are not showing us a significant spike this year.

Call if you've got more questions. Happy to help answer them. Thanks, Doug!
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