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Dear Village of Pepin Utility Customer,

The Wisconsin DNR has mandated that we inform you individually about a matter regarding our water system, a new operating requirement that they are mandating, that requires the Village to install equipment that is an enhancement in our treatment of the water we are supplying from our Village Wells. We are enclosing the Public Notice Document that they require us to use, that includes their questions and our responses to those questions.

The additional equipment the DNR is mandating we install will allow us to add a chemical to control the PH of the water to maintain a PH value of 7.5. This required new system is intended to help ensure that there is no leaching of lead from the water distribution system piping into our drinking water. Our information to date is that we do not have any lead service lines on our system, copper service lines have been, and are required to be installed for new additions to our system. The service lines are the pipes feeding each premises, between the water main in the street and the water meter in your building.

Our sampling for lead in the water that has been done to date has shown that, except for a period in 2020 and 2021, during the time of a major rebuild of our water mains on the east end of our system, that we have found no problematic level of lead in our water.

Unfortunately, the cost of designing and installing this new system will require us to spend money hiring an engineering company to design this new system, and more money to purchase and install the equipment. The actual costs of implementing this requirement are still to be determined but could be significant. We will be investigating ways to obtain grant money to subsidize the cost of implementing this new requirement. More information will be provided to you as it becomes available as we move forward with this project.

Sincerely

Village of Pepin