

PUBLIC NOTICE**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER****Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment Requirements Not Met for Pepin Waterworks**

Previously the DNR required us to install optimal corrosion control treatment for preventing Lead in drinking water by **October 2nd, 2025**. This requirement is the result of previous sampling that failed to meet the required compliance level for lead content. The corrosion control study required us to evaluate our water quality and recommend options for reducing lead in drinking water by installing Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment equipment enabling us to operate at a target pH level of 7.5. We did not complete this requirement by October 2nd, 2025.

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to determine and/or reduce your exposure to lead and/or copper:

- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead and copper.
- Find out whether your pipes contain lead, lead solder, or copper.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any potential standing lead and copper from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap, lead and copper dissolves more easily into hot water.
- Do not boil your water to remove lead and copper. Excessive boiling water makes the lead and copper more concentrated – the lead and copper remain when the water evaporates.

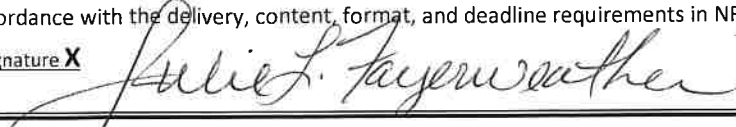
Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What was the cause of the missed corrosion control study requirement? Poor communication from the Operator in Charge to the Village Board. This issue did not receive the follow-up attention required by the DNR.

What is being done to correct the problem? We have responded to the DNR's request for corrective action. Our monitoring and measuring of pH levels demonstrates an average of 7.5. This is the level that the DNR has supplied to us as the target level. As such, we have requested that the DNR reconsider their mandate to install pH control equipment.

When will the problem be resolved? The timeline provided by the DNR to respond to our corrective action submission indicates their response will be provided on or before October 10th, 2026. Their response will dictate what action we will be required to take, and a timeline to complete resolution will need to be created based on their response.

If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:

Name of Responsible Person Village of Pepin		Area Code-Telephone Number 715-442-2461	
Street Address 508 Second St.	City Pepin	State WI	Zip 54759
I certify that the information and statements contained in this public notice are true and correct and have been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements in NR 809.952, Wis. Adm. Code.			
Signature X 		Date <u>08/19/2024</u>	

****Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.**