

# Lead in Drinking Water – Public and Nonpublic Schools

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE: ELEVATED WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)** **Brock Bridge Elementary School**

### **ELEVATED LEAD WATER SAMPLE RESULT(S)**

All Maryland public and nonpublic schools are required to sample all drinking water outlets for the presence of lead pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations. On January 8, 2020, three (3) lead water samples were collected from Brock Bridge Elementary School. Of these lead water samples, two (2) had levels of lead exceeding the action level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The elevated lead results from the sample(s) collected at Brock Bridge Elementary School are as follows:

- Sample #25 Room 123 Bubbler (left)- 35.9ppb
- Sample #51 Instructional Area Drinking Fountain- 31.8ppb

### **ACTION LEVEL (AL)**

The AL is 20 ppb for lead in drinking water in school buildings. The AL is the concentration of lead which, if exceeded, triggers required remediation.

### **HEALTH EFFECTS OF LEAD**

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Lead is stored in the bones and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the fetus receives lead from the mother's bones, which may affect brain development. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

### **SOURCES OF HUMAN EXPOSURE TO LEAD**

There are many different sources of human exposure to lead. These include lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust or soil, some plumbing materials, certain types of pottery, pewter, brass fixtures, food, and cosmetics, exposure in the workplace and exposure from certain hobbies, brass faucets, fittings, and valves. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 10 to 20 percent of a person's potential exposure to lead may come from drinking water, while for an infant consuming formula mixed with lead-containing water this may increase to 40 to 60 percent.

### **IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TAKEN**

- Sample #'s 25 and 51 will remain off.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Sample #'s 25 and 51 will be removed since these outlets have failed twice.

### **TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO LEAD IN DRINKING WATER:**

1. Run your water to flush out lead: If water hasn't been used for several hours, run water for 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking.
2. Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula: Lead from the plumbing dissolves more easily into hot water.

*Please note that boiling the water will not reduce lead levels.*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. For additional information, please contact ***Chris Williams or Brian Wells*** at ***443-770-5950***. For additional information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead). If you are concerned about exposure; contact your local health department or healthcare provider to find out how you can get your child tested for lead.



AACPS - Operations Division  
9034 Ft. Smallwood Road

Monday, February 24, 2020

Pasadena, MD 21122

Attention: Chris Williams; Brian Wells

**Certificate of Analysis**  
**FINAL**

Report for Lab No: 48070.

Brock Bridge ES (3062)

Sampling by regulation to Maryland House Bill 270 - Lead in Drinking Water

P.O. Number: PO 9212

Sampling by Martel personnel on January 8, 2020.

MARTEL NO.	CLIENT SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION		Sample Date/Time			
48070	000011	Room 111 Bubbler [DF--C]	01/08/2020 07:35			
Compound	Test Value	Test Unit	Method	Detection Limit	Analysis Date/Time/Initial	
Lead	3.67	ug/l	EPA .200.8	2	02/14/2020 10:24 BJ	
MARTEL NO.	CLIENT SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION		Sample Date/Time			
48070	000025	Room 123 Left Bubbler [DF--C]	01/08/2020 07:40			
Compound	Test Value	Test Unit	Method	Detection Limit	Analysis Date/Time/Initial	
Lead	35.9	ug/l*	EPA .200.8	2	02/14/2020 10:26 BJ	
MARTEL NO.	CLIENT SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION		Sample Date/Time			
48070	000042	Open Space Area - Left Bubbler [DF--C]	01/08/2020 07:00			
Compound	Test Value	Test Unit	Method	Detection Limit	Analysis Date/Time/Initial	
Lead	no	fixture	EPA .200.8	2	/ /	
MARTEL NO.	CLIENT SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION		Sample Date/Time			
48070	000051	Instructional Area #0 Drinking Water Fountain [DF--C]	01/08/2020 07:30			
Compound	Test Value	Test Unit	Method	Detection Limit	Analysis Date/Time/Initial	
Lead	31.8	ug/l*	EPA .200.8	2	02/14/2020 10:29 BJ	



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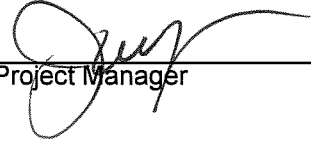
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**Notes and references:**

SM="Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association, and Water Environment Federation. Year in method code is approved date. 40CFR141=U.S. "Code of Federal Regulations", Title 40, Protection of the Environment, Part 141, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

\* results exceeded 20.5 ug/l.

All samples tested were in acceptable condition, unless otherwise noted.  
The results presented herein relate only to the samples or items tested.

  
Project Manager

### MARTEL Chain of Custody Record

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#### Anne Arundel County Public Schools Drinking Water Lead Testing

Bottle Type: 250 ml plastic, preserved with HNO3 Analysis: Lead (EPA 200.8)

Start Date/Time: 1-8 7:25 End Date/Time: 1-8 7:45

Sampler/Relinquished By: [Signature] Received at Martel by: [Signature] Date/Time: 1-8 11:00

Brock Bridge ES (3062)

405 Brock Bridge Rd, Laurel, MD 20724

ALL OUTLET WERE FLUSHED THE NIGHT BEFORE  
SAMPLING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8PM AND 9PM

Martel Lab  
No. **48070**

Sample #	Room #	Fixture Type <i>(Sink, Bubbler, Water Fountain, Gooseneck, Ice</i>	Outlet Key		TIME/NOTES
			Codes	Cor. NC2	
11	Room 111	Bubbler	DF	C	7:30
25	Room 123 Left	Bubbler	DF	C	7:40
<del>42</del>	<del>Open Space Area Left</del>	<del>Bubbler</del>	<del>DF</del>	<del>e</del>	<del>Removed</del>
51	Instructional Area #0	Drinking Water Fountain	DF	C	7:50