



CONTAMINATED WATER ADVISORY

In January 2016, the City of Fresno Department of Public Utilities received reports of discolored water in Northeast Fresno with possible lead contamination in the water. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board have established an Action Level standard for concentrations of 15 parts-per-billion of lead per liter of water. So far 279 homes, and 838 fixtures, have been sampled at least once. Of those 279 homes, 41 homes have water quality test reports showing lead above the action level of an indoor fixture.

During the week of July 4th, the City of Fresno mailed 45,397 post cards to residents in the following zip codes: 93650, 93704, 93710, 93711, 93720, 93722, and 93730. The City is not representing that the lead contamination issue is limited to these 7 zip codes. As of July 26, 2016, there were 833 responses to the online survey and 791 of those responses indicated discoloration in one or more faucets. There are also 982 phone and email responses collected that have not been reported as of July 26th, 2016.

On September 9th, 2016, a class action law suit was filed against the City of Fresno, Vulcan Construction & Maintenance, Inc., and Measurement Control Systems in Fresno County Superior Court. In the lawsuit, the Plaintiffs state the City of Fresno received a report by HDR Engineering, "alerting the CITY to the dangers of replacing Fresno's groundwater supply with surface water....that introducing surface water into the groundwater system would likely cause leaching of lead and other metals into Fresno's drinking water," the HDR report further "informed the CITY that there would be a strong likelihood of corrosion in piping due to the significant difference in these water sources' inorganic character."

The class action lawsuit contains a second allegation stating that private contractors "retained by the City, negligently installed these water meters, by, among other things failing to install industry-standard dielectric connections between the brass meters and the galvanized piping." The City mailed out a notice stating "In these locations where copper, brass and similar metals are connected to galvanized pipe- or the dielectric union has failed- corrosion of the galvanized piping will occur- regardless of the water supply or corrosion control strategy- and lead will be found present during sampling."

If you suspect there is lead in the water of a residence you are looking to purchase, it is recommended that water tests are conducted during the due diligence period of escrow.

For more information, contact the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, at (559) 447-3300.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of this document.

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