

SUEZ Water Samples with Elevated Lead Levels SUEZ Water has found elevated levels in water tested from some residences in Bergen County that were sampled between July 16, 2018 and December 12, 2018. The ingestion of lead from drinking water above the State standard of 15 ppb may result in damage to the brain and kidneys, as well as posing a threat to the development of the brains in infants and toddlers. SUEZ Water is currently complying with state and federal regulations to help remedy the matter. However, the lead may be coming from the service lines into the residential home, which is ultimately the responsibility of the owner to maintain or abate. SUEZ Water is encouraging residents to check to see if their part of the service line is made of lead (if you require assistance with checking your part of the service line, you may want to contact a Licensed Plumber) and to notify SUEZ Water at 1-800-422-5987 if lead is identified in your portion of the line.

**Residents who have been identified to have, or are suspected to have lead pipes, can obtain free water tests from SUEZ Water. Independent laboratories can be contacted to do water testing as well. The list of certified laboratories can be obtained through the NJDEP (<https://www13.state.nj.us/DataMiner>). Customers can also help reduce potential lead exposure by letting the cold water run from the tap for 15-30 second prior to using if the faucet has gone unused for more than six hours. Hot water from the tap should not be used to cook with, drink with, or to make baby formula, as it dissolves lead quicker than cold water. It is also worth noting that one should not boil water, as it does not remove lead.** SUEZ Water also created a website where residents can find out more information about what is being done. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.SUEZWQ.com](http://www.SUEZWQ.com) for more information regarding this matter. For more information about Lead and its health effects, please visit the EPA website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead), call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-Lead or the Safe Drinking Water Act hotline at 1-800-426-4791. You can also contact your health care provider or visit the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead-consumer.html>. For any further questions, you may also contact the Hasbrouck Heights Health Department at (201) 288-1636.