



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – WATER DIVISION

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Dear Water Customer:

With all the news circulating related to the lead issues with the City of Flint, we felt it was appropriate that we let you know that the water being provided to the residents of the City of Battle Creek meets the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and the Lead and Copper Rule requirements within it.

The City of Battle Creek uses a ground water source for its water supply. This provides us with a very stable water chemistry that is easily treated with our current methods. The treatment process that we use to maintain protection against lead and copper is to apply the appropriate amount of phosphates to the water prior to pumping it into the distribution system. This phosphate treatment develops a barrier between the metallic piping and plumbing fixtures within customers' homes, services and the City's water distribution system.

This treatment process has been in place since the early 1990s and ensures that our water meets the requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule. The City of Battle Creek worked with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and product vendors to determine the correct phosphate product and dosage to treat the water. You can be assured that this additive is approved by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) for use in the treatment of drinking water.

The City of Battle Creek most recently sampled for Lead and Copper during the summer of 2015. We have been notified by the MDEQ of our compliance with the SDWA. Our results of 1.7 parts per billion (ppb) for Lead is considerably lower than the action level of 15 ppb for compliance with the SDWA.

The City of Battle Creek has, and continues to take measures to further reduce lead exposure by eliminating water meters that may contain lead; and we no longer stock brass service line components with lead in them.

We appreciate our opportunity to serve you and the entire staff of the Water Division takes pride in doing so. To view more information about the City's water quality and testing, take a look at our annual water quality reports online: www.battlecreekmi.gov/WaterQualityReports.

Sincerely,

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