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Duluth City Council
c/o Mr. Jeffrey Cox, Clerk
Duluth City Hall
411 West First Street, Room 330

Dear Council Members:

Duluth, Minnesota 55802

SUBJECT: Lead/Copper Tap Water Monitoring Report, PWSID 1690011

This letter is to report the results of your recent lead/copper monitoring that is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. The results revealed the following 90th percentile levels:

90th percentile lead level = $8 \mu g/l$ (rounded as 0.008 mg/l). The action level for lead is 15.0 $\mu g/l$.

90th percentile copper level = $56 \mu g/l$ (rounded as 0.056 mg/l). The action level for copper is $1300 \mu g/l$.

Based on these results, your public water system has not exceeded the action level for lead and has not exceeded the action level for copper.

By federal rule, 40 CFR 141.85, you are required to provide the lead/copper results to persons served at the sites that were tested. In addition, you must provide them with an explanation of the health effects of lead/copper, list steps consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead/copper in drinking water, and water utility contact information. The notification must also provide the maximum contaminant level goals, the action levels for lead/copper, and the definitions for these two terms.

Notification must be made within 30 days by U.S. Mail. If the residence is a rental property, both the occupant(s) of the residence and rental property owner must be notified. To assist you in meeting the notification requirements, we have enclosed a sample letter and a fact sheet on lead/copper in drinking water. All of the information contained in the sample letter is EPA required language and must be included in your letter and provided to the homeowner. If you would like to receive any of the enclosed documents via e-mail, please send your request to pauline.wuoti@state.mn.us.

The lead/copper sampling site addresses are private data. This information was classified as "nonpublic" by the Minnesota Department of Administration in October 2004, upon the request of Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Minnesota community water supply systems. When notifying the persons served at the sites that were tested, provide them with the results for that address only.

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Within 10 days after notifying the residents of their results, you must complete the enclosed Lead/Copper Results Delivery Certification form and return it to us along with a copy of the letter that you sent to the residents notifying them of their results. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Please note that all enclosures are sent to the addressee of this letter. Persons receiving a copy (cc) of the letter do not receive any enclosures. It is the responsibility of the addressee to follow through with the requirements.

A sampling kit will be sent to you prior to your next scheduled sampling date. The enclosed report should be placed in your records and a copy maintained on or near the water supply premises and available for public inspection for not less than ten (10) years.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 651/201-4674, or Anna Schliep at 651/201-4667.

Sincerely,

Pauline Wuote

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PAW Enclosures

cc: Water Superintendent