**For Immediate Release**

**[DATE]**

**[Contact Name], [Contact Email Address]**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD IN [INSERT NAME OF YOUR COMMUNITY] DRINKING WATER**

**[SYSTEM NAME] found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings. Lead can cause serious health problems especially for pregnant women and young children. Contact us at [PHONE NUMBER] to obtain a translated copy of the public education materials or to request assistance in the appropriate language.**

**Repeat above statement in all languages predominantly spoken in the service area.**

**[Insert name of water system]** found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings. This means that some water samples collected from customers’ taps exceeded the lead action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb) from **[SELECT ONE; 1/1/YY-6/30/YY; 7/1/YY-12/31/YY; OR 6/1/YY-9/30/YY]** and this information is required because **[name of water system]** has a lead action level exceedance. The action level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. An action level exceedance is determined by measuring the highest concentration of lead in tap water that is exceeded by 10 percent of the sites sampled during a monitoring period. If water from the tap does exceed this limit, then the water system must take certain steps to correct the problem. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

**Option:** We receive [some or all] of our water from [water system]; and therefore, we are evaluating the water quality entering our service area and working with [water system] on necessary steps.

Lead is a common metal found in the environment. Drinking water is one possible source of lead exposure. The main sources of lead exposure are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust or soil. Other sources include exposure in the workplace, from toys, and from certain hobbies like shooting ranges and fishing. 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. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women.

**Option:** We are required by New Jersey law, P.L. 2021, c.183 (C. 58: 12A-40 to 58: 12A-47) to replace 10% of the lead service lines in the water system every year, on average, and complete our program by July 2031. Information on this program is available at [enter water system’s website or public location for LSLR plan, program information, and annual report].

There are steps you can take to help reduce your exposure to lead in drinking water. Replacing a lead service line and lead plumbing and fixtures, running your cold water for 15 to 30 seconds [or for several minutes if you have a lead service line], and using cold water for cooking, drinking, and preparing baby formula. If you have not had your water sampled or if you know or suspect you have a lead service line, it is recommended that bottled or filtered water be used for drinking and preparing baby formula. Do not boil water to remove lead as it will not reduce lead levels in drinking water.

Please call [WATER SYSTEM NAME] at [PHONE NUMBER] or visit our website at [WEBSITE ADDRESS] for additional information including steps we are taking and how to get your water tested for lead. For more 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) or contact your healthcare provider.

Landlords must distribute this information to every tenant as soon as practicable, but no later than three business days after receipt. Delivery must be done by hand, mail, or email, and by posting the information in a prominent location at the entrance of each rental premises, pursuant to section 3 of P.L. 2021, c. 82 (C.58:12A-12.4 et seq.).