

April 4, 2018 Superintendents Update on AB 746 and Required Lead Testing in Potable Water

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- AB 746 signed into law October 13, 2017. Defines new Health and Safety Code (116277) requiring Community Water Systems serving school sites to test some sites for lead in potable water system on or before July 1, 2019.
 - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB746
- January 2018 Keenan Briefing provides concise overview of what school sites are exempt from new requirements, in addition to process and reporting requirements. (See attached)
 - https://www.keenan.com/news/brief/2018/BRF_20180130_AB746LeadTestingCASchools_KA.pdf
- California Water Boards provides a detailed overview through a Frequently Asked Questions document. (See attached).
 - https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/leadsamplingin_schools/faqs_lead_in_schools_final.pdf
- April 2, 108 article in Marin Independent Journal identifies school with one fountain that exceed federal guidelines for lead:
 - <http://www.marinij.com/health/20180401/marin-school-fountain-closed-amid-lead-contamination-tests>
- Most schools in Marin County are served by either the North Marin Water District or the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD). Both Community Water Systems have begun testing work at some districts, and will be continuing to work with other schools and districts moving forward:
- Chris Nanney, the Water Quality Laboratory Manager with MMWD will serve as the main point of contact at MMWD and may be contacted directly at:
 - (415) 945-1552 - Direct number
 - Email: cnanney@marinwater.org
- Chris provided the following overview of the process for schools being served by MMWD:
 - The first step is to contact Chris so he can provide you with an overview.
 - The school / district should identify a facilities or administrative point of contact.
 - Schools do not pay for the tests, but any corrective measures are the responsibility of the school district.
 - Each school will need to provide a basic schematic or map of the campus (does not need to be a technical drawing).
 - The schematic should identify at least 2 and up to 5 of the most utilized sources of drinking water, which may be drinking fountains, kitchen / dining room sinks or appliances, or water bottle filling stations.
 - Once the schematics and locations of testing sites have been prepared, a morning meeting will be scheduled with the Water Quality Field Supervisor at MMWD to review the plan (30 minute meeting), and schedule the testing.
 - Tests must be taken as "first draw" samples in fixtures that have been stagnant for 6-12 hours (not more, not less).
 - For this reason testing is generally limited to early morning, Tuesday through Friday (before students and staff arrive), and cannot be taken during summer or recess periods.
 - Coordination for early access to campus to conduct tests is required.
- MMWD points out that they have a small team with no additional resource to perform these tests and appreciate our school community's support and patience to complete the tests.
- Some schools will need to conduct test after the summer break.

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