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WATER AUTHORITY

**LEAD AND COPPER
SAMPLING PLAN**

PWSID AL0000409

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INTRODUCTION

This monitoring plan contains information regarding compliance determination, system information, sample schedules, sampling locations, material inventory, consumer notification, educational materials, public notice procedures and violation notification requirements.

Purpose

The purpose of Lead and Copper is to identify levels of lead in the drinking water that may result from corrosion of lead-bearing components in a public water system's distribution system or in household plumbing. These samples help assess the need for, or effectiveness of, corrosion control treatment.

System Information

System Name: Joppa, Hulaco & Ryan Water Authority

PWSID Number: AL0000409

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System Type: Consecutive Community System

Population Served: Approximately 4,700

Water Sources: Arab Water Works

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JHR Water Authority Material List

JHR Water Authority consists of approximately 380 miles of water lines, 313 miles of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), 2 miles of polyethylene (HDPE), 15 miles of cast/ductile iron, and 50 miles of asbestos cement pipe. The meters contain brass, iron and/or plastic parts with all brass shut off valves (curb stops) and brass backflow prevention devices. In 2012, all meter were replaced with drive-by Master Meters.

JHR Water Authority is required by ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) to test for Lead and Copper every three years and samples are analyzed by Enersolv located in Decatur, Alabama.

Section 1

Public Water Supply Lead and Copper Sample Site Plan Selection Criteria for Community Systems

All public water supplies must complete a materials evaluation of their system to identify their pool of sample sites. Samples must be collected from Tier 1 sites unless there are not sufficient sites, then Tier 2 sites may be used. If there are not sufficient Tier 1 and 2 sites then Tier 3 sites may be used.

Tier definitions are as follows:

- Tier 1 – includes single family structures that;
 - Contain copper pipes with lead solder which was installed after 1982 or;
 - Contain lead pipes or;
 - Is served by a lead service line

- Tier 2 – includes multi-family structures and buildings that;
 - Contain copper pipes with lead solder which was installed after 1982 or;
 - Contain lead pipes or;
 - Is served by a lead service line

- Tier 3 - includes single family structures that contain copper pipes with lead solder which were installed prior to 1983

Tier Categories - Use the following to identify the Tier and category of each site:

Tier 1

- Single family – copper pipe with lead solder constructed after 1982
- Single family – lead pipes
- Single family – lead service
- Multi-family – copper pipe with lead solder constructed after 1982
- Multi-family – lead pipes
- Multi-family – lead service

Tier 2

- Building – copper pipe with lead solder constructed after 1982
- Building – lead pipes
- Building – lead service

Tier 3

- Single family – copper pipe with lead solder constructed before 1983

If not enough Tier 1, 2 or 3 sites are available, random sites may be chosen.

- Random location

Lead and Copper Sampling Procedures

All lead and copper samples must be first-draw samples and shall be 1 liter in volume. The water should have stood motionless in the plumbing system (not used) of each sample site for a minimum of six hours. While the water cannot be used for more than six hours, do not collect samples from sites which have not been used for an extended period of time; such as a site which has had no water use for several days, i.e. a weekend. Pre-stagnation flushing shall not be performed.

First-draw residential samples shall be collected from the cold water kitchen or bathroom sink only. First-draw nonresidential samples shall be collected from an interior cold water tap from which water is typically drawn for consumption. Aerators shall not be removed from taps or cleaned prior to or during the collection of samples.

Sampling sites must not include faucets which have point-of-use or point-of-entry treatment devices designed to remove inorganic contaminants. This includes such devices as filters, softeners, RO systems, etc.

First-draw samples may be collected by the system or the system may allow residents to collect samples after receiving instruction on the proper sampling procedures. Wide-mouth bottles shall be used to collect samples to allow for a higher flow rate during sample collection which is more representative of the flow that a consumer may use to fill a glass of water.

A water supply system shall collect each first-draw tap sample from the same sampling sites used in the previous round of sampling unless a change of sampling site is documented and submitted to the ADEM.

Sites and Situations to Avoid

Do not use

- A mop sink, outside faucet or a tap that is not generally used or intended for human consumption
- A site which is vacant (*don't make special arrangements to get access to site*)
- A site which has undergone recent (within the last 6 months) plumbing improvements or changes including faucets at the specific sample location
- A tap that has any type of treatment
- A site where the owner or resident is uncooperative

Sample Collection Schedule

The water system is required to collect a minimum of (20) samples once every three (3) years. These samples are to determine the lead and copper levels in the tap water this sampling effort is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State under the Lead and Copper Rule, and is being accomplished through a collaboration between the public water system and their consumer. Samples are collected from the distribution system July 1 thru September 30. Samples are analyzed for both lead and copper.

Sample Collection Procedures:

Collect samples from the tap that has not been used for at least 6 hours. To ensure the water has not been used for at least 6 hours, the best time to collect samples is either in the morning or in the evening upon returning from work. Be sure to use a kitchen or bathroom cold water tap that has been used for drinking water consumption in the past few weeks. The collection procedure is described below

1. Prior arrangements will be made with you, the customer, to coordinate the sample collection. Dates will be set for sample kit delivery and pick-up by water system staff.
2. There must be a minimum of 6 hours during which there is no water used from the tap where the sample will be collected and any taps adjacent or close to that tap. Either early mornings or evenings upon returning home are the best sampling times to ensure that the necessary stagnant water conditions exist. Do not intentionally flush the water line before the start of the 6-hour period.
3. Use a kitchen or bathroom cold-water faucet for sampling. If you have water softeners on your kitchen taps, collect your sample from the bathroom tap that is not attached to a water softener, or a point of use filter, if possible. Do not remove the aerator prior to sampling. Place the opened sample bottle below the faucet and open the cold water tap as you would do to fill a glass of water. Fill the sample bottle to the line marked "1000-mL" and turn off the water.
4. Tightly cap the sample bottle and place in the sample kit provided. Please review the sample kit label at this time to ensure that all information contained on the label is correct.
5. If any plumbing repairs or replacement has been done in the home since the previous sampling event, note this information on the label as provided. Also if your sample was collected from a tap with a water softener, note this as well.
6. Place the sample kit in the same location the kit was delivered to so that water system staff may pick up the sample kit.
7. Results from this monitoring effort and information about lead will be provided to you as soon as practical but no later than 30 days after the system learns of the tap monitoring results. However, if excessive lead and/or copper levels are found, immediate notification will be provided (usually 1-2 working days after the system learns of the tap monitoring results).

Call _____ at _____ if you have any questions regarding these instructions

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RESIDENT		
Water was last used:	Time _____	Date _____
Sample was collected:	Time _____	Date _____
I have read the above directions and have taken a tap sample in accordance with these instructions.		
_____	Date _____	
Signature		

**Joppa, Hulaco & Ryan Water Authority Lead and Copper
Samples Sites**

PWSID#: AL0000409 Number of Samples Required: 20

Customer	RT/Acct	Cust#	Tier Level	Year of Plumbing	
1	271 Ryan Loop Rd Baileyton, AL 35019	5/1010		1254	Tier 1 1985
2	284 Mardis Point Rd Joppa, AL 35087	5/1960-1		5857	Tier 3 1970
3	25 Wallace Rd Arab, AL 35016	1/2200		565	Tier 3 1980
4	2044 Co Rd 1807 Arab, AL 35016	1/1360		460	Tier 3 1980
5	131 New Harmony Rd Arab, AL 35016	1/1970		530	Tier 1 1985
6	594 Hill Top Rd Joppa, AL 35087	6/215-1		2709	Tier 3 1980
7	3426 Co Rd 1807 Arab, AL 35016	1/1790		510	Tier 3 1971
8	1886 Co Rd 1755 Joppa, AL 35087	1/1390-2		6042	Tier 3 1980
9	1348 Co Rd 1807 Arab, AL 35016	1/1270		448	Tier 1 1985
10	1006 Co Rd 1802 Joppa, AL 35087	1/2912		927	Tier 3 1970
11	166 Co Rd 1817 Joppa, AL 35087	2/1030		1102	Tier 3 1972
12	871 Double S Mtn Rd Baileyton, AL 35019	5/1613		1444	Tier 3 1972
13	9455 AL Hwy 67 Joppa, AL 35087	4/460		200	Tier 1 1983
14	1760 Co Rd 1809 Joppa, AL 35087	2/60		974	Tier 3 1972
15	2422 Cullman Rd Arab, AL 35087	1/470		354	Tier 1 1984
16	261 New Harmony Arab, AL 35087	1/1990		533	Tier 1 1986
17	690 Co Rd 1756 Joppa, AL 35087	3/667-2		6089	Tier 1 1994
18	14979 AL Hwy 69 Joppa, AL 35087	3/50-1		5759	Tier 3 1971
19	427 Co Rd 1772 Joppa, AL 35087	2/1231		4324	Tier 3 1976
20	6891 Matt Morrow Rd Joppa, AL 35087	6/700		642	Tier 3 1972

Section 2

Calculating the 90th Percentile During Initial, Follow-up, Routine and Reduced Monitoring

If you collect 5 samples, calculate your 90th percentile as follows:

- Rank your samples in order of concentration (mg/L) from lowest to highest.
- Find the average of the two highest results by adding the results together and dividing by two.
- The resulting number (average) is the 90th percentile

EXAMPLE

Sample Site #	Sample Results
1	0.001
2	0.001
3	0.006
4	0.008
5	0.014

$$0.008 + 0.014 = 0.022 \qquad 0.022/2 = 0.011$$

$$90^{\text{th}} \text{ percentile} = 0.011 \text{ mg/l}$$

This is the number to record on Form 141A and reported to the IDNR

If you collect 6 or more samples, calculate your 90th percentile as follows:

- Rank your samples in order of concentration (mg/L) from lowest to highest.
- Take the total number of samples collected and multiply by 0.90. The result will tell you which sample to record.
- If the number is not a whole number, round to the nearest whole number.
 - 12.7 would be rounded to 13.0 – 12.2 would be rounded to 12.0
- If the number is exactly in the middle of two whole numbers, round to the nearest even number.
 - 12.5 would be rounded to 12.0 – 13.5 would be rounded to 14.0

EXAMPLE IF YOU COLLECTED 10 SAMPLES

$$10 \times 0.9 = 9$$

Sample #9 is the
on Form 141A

Sample Site #	Sample Results
1	0.001
2	0.001
3	0.001
4	0.001
5	0.001
6	0.004
7	0.005
8	0.006
9	0.008
10	0.010

90th percentile and should be recorded

The 90th percentile
Form 141A.

is 0.008 mg/l and should be recorded on

Please note these are examples only, you will have to insert your own results to determine your 90th percentile.

90th Percentile Summary Form

(use this format if your lab does not provide a 90th percentile summary for you)

PWSID#: _____

Public Water Supply Name: _____

Results of lead monitoring:

	Date Collected	Sample Location	Lead Result	Tier ID
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

90th percentile for lead: _____

Results of copper monitoring:

	Date Collected	Sample Location	Lead Result	Tier ID
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

90th percentile for copper: _____ Keep this form for your records.

Making Changes to Sampling Site Locations

Make an assessment of your ability to sample a sufficient number of appropriate sites from your lead and copper plan well in advance of the monitoring period. Making contact with the resident early and determining whether their home still meets the selection criteria as a sample location will eliminate this variable. Furthermore, lead and copper samples should be collected early in the monitoring period to ensure samples arrive at the lab in a timely fashion and are analyzed well before the end of the monitoring period.

Changes to sampling sites are allowed when water systems can no longer gain access to the site or if the original site location no longer meets the Tier selection criteria. For example, if a home is vacant or demolished, if a softener is added or plumbing upgrades have been made - the structure no longer meets the Tier criteria.

Changes in locations must be submitted to the Department prior to sampling. Your lead and copper plan must be updated whenever there is an addition or deletion of a site and you are also encouraged to update the plan to identify sites that meet the requirements of proper sampling locations that can be readily substituted if needed during future monitoring events.

Lead & Copper Rule Reduced Monitoring Site Selection

Reduced sampling sites shall be selected using the following procedure:

1. From the two most recent six-month rounds of testing, select the round of testing that had the OVERALL HIGHEST lead result.
2. Using the selected round, arrange the sampling sites in order, based on the lead test result, from highest to lowest.
3. Beginning with and including the site with the highest lead result, select and include every other site for reduced monitoring (i.e. highest result, 3rd highest, 5th highest, 7th highest, etc.).
4. After selecting every other site (see #3 above), if it is determined that a specific selected site can no longer be included in the sampling pool, replace the site with the next site on the original list (i.e. replace the 7th highest site with the 6th highest site).
5. This reduced sampling plan must be kept in your file for future reference. You must return to these same sites for each reduced sampling period.

If either the lead or copper action level IS EXCEEDED at the 90th percentile during any reduced monitoring period, you are required to conduct water quality parameter monitoring in accordance with ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-7-11-.11 during the monitoring period in which the action level was exceeded, and resume standard or base monitoring for at least two consecutive six-month monitoring periods.

Lead and Copper Consumer Notice and Certification Forms

PWS Name: _____ PWSID#: _____ Date: _____

LEAD & COPPER CONSUMER NOTICE ANALYTICAL RESULTS FOR LEAD & COPPER TAP WATER MONITORING

Our public water supply system is required to periodically collect tap water samples to determine the lead and copper levels in our system. Your residence was selected for this monitoring as part of our system's sampling plan. This notice is provided to you with the analytical results of the tap water sample collected at your home.

Sample address: _____ Sample collection date: _____

Analytical Lead result, in mg/L (milligrams per liter): _____

Analytical Copper result, in mg/L (milligrams per liter): _____

Definitions

Action Level (AL): The action level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a public water supply system must follow. The lead action level is 0.015 mg/L. The copper action level is 1.3 mg/L.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The maximum contaminant level goal is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. The MCLG allows for a margin of safety. The lead MCLG is zero. The copper MCLG is 1.3 mg/L.

What are the health effects of lead and how can I reduce my exposure?

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. JHR Water Authority is responsible for providing drinking water that meets all federal and state standards, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water and using only cold water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

When replacing your bathroom or kitchen faucet, consider a "lead-free" faucet that meets NSF/ANSI Standard 61 Annex G (California), which is less than 0.25% lead by weight.

What are the health effects of copper and how can I reduce my exposure?

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short period of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor. Flushing your tap before using the water as previously described will also reduce copper levels.

Who can I contact at my water system for more information?

Phone number: (256) 586-5974 or (256)264-3733

E-mail address at: jhrwater@otelco.net

Consumer Notice Instructions: Community PWS

Per the Lead & Copper Rule consumer notice requirements, you must complete the lead consumer notice, distribute the notice to each home or building that was tested with its specific lead result, and submit a certification of your activities and a copy of the notice to ADEM.

Consumer Notice Content

You are required to provide the consumer notice to consumers who occupy homes or buildings that are part of your system’s lead & copper monitoring program with the analytical results when their drinking water is tested for lead, including those who do not receive water bills. The Consumer Notice must include the mandatory language in the example provided with these instructions. It must be multilingual, where appropriate.

Distribution of the Consumer Notice

Within 30 days of receiving the analytical results from the laboratory, you must provide the required notice to the people served at each residence or building that was a part of the sampling plan. This can be accomplished through direct mail, including it with the water utility bill, or by hand delivery.

Multi-family dwellings: Where testing occurs in buildings with many units, such as an apartment building, the notice must be provided to each individual unit that was tested. The notice does not have to extend to the entire building.

If you wish to use an alternate method that would still meet the requirements, contact the ADEM to discuss the method, prior to conducting the notice.

Date completed: _____ (*enclose a copy of notice*)

Delivery Certification

I certify under penalty of law that I am familiar with the information submitted in this document and that it is true, accurate, and complete.

Name (print or type) _____ **Title** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Public Notification Procedures

Lead and Copper Violations

- JHR Water Authority will notify their customers by placing a copy of the appropriate public notification which the next set of water bills mailed to each customer or by a separate mailing to each customer.
- A copy of the notification will be provided to the following newspaper: **The Arab Tribune and The Cullman Times**
- Violations will be include in the next Consumer Confidence Report.

Note:

Some or all the above procedures will be used for public notice of violations. A particular violation will determine which methods are required. The requirements for a particular occurrence will normally be communicated to us by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).