

The Vernonia Schools building water was recently tested through the City of Vernonia's lead tap monitoring program. According to the report:

"A lead level of None Detected was reported for the sample collected on August 23, 2016, at your location, 1000 Missouri Avenue. Your result, as well as the 90th percentile value for our water system, is below the lead action level of 15 parts per billion." All of the tests performed by the City "conform to NELAC standards."

The other metal tested for in this analysis was copper. There were .119 parts per billion detected. While this reading is above the Minimum Reporting Limit of .05 parts per billion, it is well below the Maximum Contamination Limit of 1.3 parts per billion.

Mist Grade School also had water quality testing completed on September 22, with coliforms listed as "Absent" in all areas. Drinking water at Mist Grade School is currently provided through a bottled water delivery company, and there are no plans to change these arrangements.

Further testing of the schools' water systems was performed independently from the City tests on September 28, still meeting all requirements of NELAP. The Minimum Reporting Limit (MRL) for lead is .0002 parts per billion. The Maximum Contamination Limit (MCL) is .02 parts per billion. Results for the Vernonia Schools building, the "House" located at 1201 Texas Avenue and Mist Grade School were well below the MCL as follows:

Vernonia Schools: There were .0015 parts per billion of lead detected.

House at 1201 Texas Avenue: There were .0027 parts per billion of lead detected.

Mist Grade School: No lead was detected at or above the MRL.