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Dear MEMS Community,

The New Jersey legislature passed a law in 2016 requiring periodic testing of lead in drinking water in all schools. As per the regulations, schools are required to test all drinking water outlets every three years. We recently completed our prescribed testing, which included all 290 water outlets in our district. This comprehensive testing approach aligns with the state requirements to sample and analyze all drinking water outlets. At Manalapan-Englishtown Middle School, one outlet showed an elevated lead level, exceeding 15 parts per billion (ppb).

Location	Concentration	Recommendations
Kitchen Sink	70.8	<ol> <li>Immediately discontinue use of the outlets.</li> <li>Conduct second draw (flush) samples on this outlet to further delineate the source of contamination.</li> </ol>

Our immediate action was to remove affected units from service or in some cases, e.g., sinks, post a sign stating that the water is for handwashing only. The affected units will then be retested and if the results remain elevated, the fixture will be filtered with an appropriate device or replaced. All results and remediation will be submitted to the state for approval. In addition, the results will also be posted on the district website.

For more information on reducing lead exposure in your home and the health effects of lead, visit the <u>EPA's website</u> or call the National Lead Information Center at 800.424.LEAD.

Thank you,

Nicole Santora, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools