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Dear City of Covington Water Customers,

Thank you for your concerns regarding the lead test results for Covington's Tipton County Schools. Lead and copper are not usually found in West Tennessee ground water, so when it is discovered, it is most likely the result of older pipes and solder that contain lead.

The lead testing in schools is required by the TN Department of Health and the TN Department of Education. You can find more information concerning Lead and Copper at the following links: <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/mch-lead.html>, <https://www.tn.gov/education.html>, <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/3ts-reducing-lead-drinking-water-toolkit>

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) regulates all public water systems, and routine lead and copper testing is required under this program. Since lead and copper are not typically found in the ground water in West Tennessee, the lead and copper testing is conducted in homes and other structures and serves to give TDEC an idea of the status of the plumbing found in the area. Recent testing in Covington indicate that most sample sites have NO lead results, and those that do are below detection limits. Those few that did show results were below actionable levels of 15ppb. A copy of the City's Water Quality Report can be found online at http://www.covingtontn.com/uploads/2/6/1/5/26153647/2017_water_quality_report.

The City of Covington has well trained technicians and managers who consistently test and monitor our water supplies. As stated above, we are also regulated and monitored by the State. All of our documentation is accessible through the links provided above. However, if you have any concerns about your drinking water please call James Mason at the City of Covington Water Department at (901) 475-4965 (jmason@covingtontn.com) or Calvin Johnson, Utilities Manager, at (901) 476-0583 (cjohnson@covingtontn.com).

Sincerely,

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My mission is to provide productive and positive leadership that results in ongoing improved living conditions for all citizens of Covington, Tennessee.