

PUBLIC NOTICE**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER****Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment Requirements Not Met for Pepin Waterworks**

We were required to install optimal corrosion control treatment for reducing Lead in drinking water by **October 2nd, 2025**. This requirement is the result of ninetieth percentile results of compliance samples that exceeded the Lead action level during a recent compliance period. The corrosion control study required us to evaluate our water quality and recommend options for reducing lead in drinking water and installing Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment. We did not complete this requirement by October 2nd, 2025.

What should I do?

Listed below are some steps you can take to reduce your exposure to lead and/or copper:

- Call us at the number below to find out how to get your water tested for lead and copper.
- Find out whether your pipes contain lead, lead solder, or copper.
- Run your water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes any standing lead and copper from the pipes.
- Don't cook with or drink water from the hot water tap, lead and copper dissolves more easily into hot water.
- **Do not boil your water to remove lead and copper.** Excessive boiling water makes the lead and copper more concentrated – the lead and copper remain when the water evaporates.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

What was the cause of the missed corrosion control study requirement? Poor communication from the Operator in Charge to the Village Board. This issue did not receive the follow-up attention required by the DNR.

What is being done to correct the problem? Reorganization of operating personnel. Additional management oversight by the Utilities Committee.

When will the problem be resolved? We have new operating personnel on site. We are engaging Consulting Engineers to study and design a Control System and get DNR approval of the proposed Control System. Because of the timeline for engineering design of the system, and DNR Regulatory review requirements, it could take a year or more before the Ph control system becomes operational.

If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:

Name of Responsible Person Village of Pepin		Area Code-Telephone Number 715-442-2461	
Street Address 508 Second St.	City Pepin	State WI	Zip 54759
I certify that the information and statements contained in this public notice are true and correct and have been provided to consumers in accordance with the delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements in NR 809.952, Wis. Adm. Code.			
Signature X <i>Robert Hecker - Clerk</i>		Date 11-3-2025	

****Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.**