

Update on Water Issue at Chino Valley Unified School District December 9, 2013

On October 28-29, 2013, Chino Valley Unified School District had the California Department of Public Health Certified, Clinical Laboratory of San Bernardino, Inc., test the drinking water quality at all of its school sites. Twelve sites had lead levels in the water that exceed the Environmental Protection Agency's action limit.

Below is a summary of actions taken so far in regards to the water issue and the District's anticipated steps and dates going forward. Please understand this situation is fluid and the actions and dates are subject to change.

Friday, Dec. 6th

- Water testing results for all sites received from testing lab.
- Mr. Joseph contacted the site administrators at the 12 affected school sites informing them of the need to cease using the water from drinking fountains and faucets for drinking and food preparation.
- Bottled water was delivered to all 12 school sites for student/staff/kitchen use.
- A letter from the Superintendent's Office informing parents of the situation was provided to administrators at all the affected sites.
- District contacted the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health to report the findings and in turn, the County notified the California Department of Public Health of the findings.
- District began contacting the various local water districts which provide water, informing them of the test results at the 12 school sites.

Saturday, Dec. 7th

- Water sampling at 8 of the affected school sites completed and partially at another.
- 19 pallets (1064 cases / 74,480 bottles) water received from Costco and placed in District warehouse for distribution.

Monday, Dec. 9th

- Restroom faucets turned back on at all affected sites.

- Remaining sites to have water samples drawn before school the week of 12/9-13.
- District to meet with an industrial hygienist to assess the steps taken thus far and to provide guidance as to effectively remedying any deficiencies.
- District will contact the remaining water districts.
- Water deliveries to all 12 school sites to continue through December 20 and beyond if necessary.

Tuesday, Dec. 10th

- Water samples to be delivered to testing lab before the end of the day/first thing Wednesday morning. An expedited analysis (72 hour turn around) of the samples will be requested. The analysis will look at the lead and copper content of the water samples along with its relative corrosiveness.

Wednesday, December 11th and beyond

- Once results of the testing analysis are delivered, the District will then be positioned to determine the extent of the situation at each site.
- District will again contact the various water districts to share the results of schools within their specific area of service.
- With the guidance of the retained industrial hygienist the District will establish a plan of action to address the water quality at each of the 12 affected school sites, including possible limited follow up testing in selected areas.
- Test results and action plan will be provided to Superintendent's Office for communication with the Board, parents and greater community.
- Action plan will be enacted, after which all affected school sites will be allowed to return to using regular potable water sources (drinking fountains, faucets in kitchens, etc.)
- District will notify San Bernardino County and California Public Health Departments of test results.
- District, in conjunction with the San Bernardino County and California Public Health Departments will review requirements and standards to test potable water sources across all facilities on a regular basis.