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Hacker Reaction to Release of Water System Compliance Testing Results

PITTSBURGH – Dr. Karen Hacker, Director of the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), issued the following statement following the release of compliance testing information by the PA Department of Environmental Protection for three water systems in Allegheny County – the East Deer Township Water Department (2 ppb), the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (15 ppb), and the Water and Sewer Authority of the Borough of Braddock (5.96 ppb):

“We are pleased to see that the most recent results for lead levels in the Braddock, East Deer and Pittsburgh water systems are all decreasing, and commend them for that progress. These systems are still required to adhere to the action steps under the Environmental Protection Agency’s Lead and Copper Rule, but these results reflect a positive trajectory. Because no level of lead is safe, we know that there is more work to do and pledge to continue to work with those agencies, and residents, to protect the public health.

“Drinking water safety is critical for public health, which is why the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) is committed to working with partners in both the short and long term to reduce exposure to lead from all sources, including paint, soil and water. For those residents served by water systems that have exceeded the LCR action level for lead, and residents with known lead pipes in any community, we continue to recommend that their water be tested and that they utilize simple solutions such as use of NSF filters or bottled water, particularly for use in infant formula. Additional information, and CDC guidelines, can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm>. Residents may also contact their water system for information.”

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