

Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Sampling and Results: Compliance Year 2016

OVERVIEW

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General Description:

Public Health Law (Section 110) and New York State (NYS) Department of Health regulation (10 NYCRR 67-4) mandate that NYS public school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) test drinking water for lead contamination and report the results to parents, the NYS Department of Health, NY State Education Department, and local health departments. The regulation required school districts and BOCES complete their sampling by the Fall of 2016, and test again in 2020 and at least every five years thereafter or at an earlier time as determined by the Commissioner of Health. This dataset shows the results of the school water lead sampling and information reported by each public school district and BOCES for Compliance Year 2016.

The Lead Testing in School Drinking Water regulations may be found here:

<https://regs.health.ny.gov/book/export/html/56608>

Additional information about the Lead Testing in School Drinking Water program may be found here:

http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/lead/lead_testing_of_school_drinking_water.htm

For Compliance Year 2016, there are two 'Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Sampling and Results' datasets on Health Data NY. The datasets are:

- Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Sampling and Results: Compliance Year 2016
 - Provides sampling details and results for Compliance Year 2016 including the number of outlets tested, number of outlets exceeding the action level (>15 micrograms per liter), sampling completion dates, and other information.

- Lead Testing in School Drinking Water Buildings with Lead-Free Plumbing: Compliance Year 2016
 - List of all lead-free school buildings reported for Compliance Year 2016 and can be viewed at <https://health.data.ny.gov/Health/Lead-Testing-in-School-Drinking-Water-Buildings-wi/5hbp-c6bb>

Data Methodology:

All data displayed are self-reported by the schools in response to a NYS Department of Health electronic survey, and transferred to Health Data NY as is without edits or redaction. For Compliance Year 2016, schools updated their information on an ongoing basis as their water

sampling progressed and laboratory analysis results were reported back to them. The information last reported for Compliance Year 2016 are displayed.

In addition to these datasets, the schools are required to post the sample results and any lead remediation plans to address lead in drinking water on the schools' website.

Limitations of Use

This data is self-reported by schools and presented on Health Data NY as is. The accuracy of the reported information is not verified except in cases of reviews initiated from monitoring activities.