

INTRODUCTION TO MARCH 2021 DRINKING WATER SAMPLING REPORTS

The following reports are from a sampling event in March 2021 where samples of drinking water were collected at representative fixtures throughout the Goodfellow Federal Center. A total of 124 samples, including duplicate samples, were collected from within 14 buildings. Sample locations can be found in the reports for each building. Samples were analyzed for lead and copper, as per the EPA Lead and Copper Rule. The testing was part of GSA's continual check for drinking water quality, which occurs at least twice a year.

Three percent of the samples were above the established EPA Action Levels. There were 4 samples that resulted in levels above the Action Levels for lead and 1 sample that also had a level above the Action Level for copper. These elevated samples were collected from a drinking fountain in Building 104F and 3 sinks in Building 105. All of these sources were removed from service as soon as the sample results were available.

The drinking fountain in Building 104F is in a space that has been returned by the tenant and is under GSA lock and key. The fixture has been taken out of service. The faucets on the sinks in Building 105 are being replaced (by April 30, 2021) and will remain out of service. The water from these new faucets will be re-tested and the results reported. These fixtures will be returned to service when the sample results show levels below the EPA Action Levels.

All samples were collected as first draw samples throughout buildings in accordance with the Lead and Copper Rule (40 CFR Part 141 Subpart I). First draw samples represent 'worst case' conditions with water that has been stationary within the fixture for a minimum of 6 hours. It should be noted that due to the low occupancy rate at the Goodfellow Federal Center, GSA has been performing comprehensive flushing of building water systems to ensure the drinking water quality.

If you have any questions concerning these data, please email r6environmental@gsa.gov, and GSA will provide responses from the appropriate experts.