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# LEAD & COPPER IN DRINKING WATER TESTING REPORT

Conducted for:

Greater Bergen Community Action 392 Main Street Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Conducted at:

Cliffside Park Head Start 263 Lafayette Avenue Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010

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# McCabe Environmental Services, L.L.C.

Client: GBCA - Cliffside Park Head Start Lead & Copper in Drinking Water Testing Report

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

McCabe Environmental Services, L.L.C. (McCabe) was retained by Greater Bergen Community Action (Client) to conduct lead in drinking water testing at Cliffside Park Head Start located at 263 Lafayette Avenue, Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010.

The project information is as follows:

Client Name:

Greater Bergen Community Action

Contact Person:

Mr. Ravon Anderson

Project Name:

Cliffside Park Head Start - Lead & Copper in Drinking Water

**Project Location:** 

263 Lafayette Avenue

Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010

Date(s) of Service:

June 6, 2023

McCabe Personnel:

Gerard D'Alessio

## 2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

Drinking water testing was performed at Cliffside Park Head Start located at 263 Lafayette Avenue, Cliffside Park, New Jersey 07010 on May 26, 2022. The purpose of the testing was to determine if the building's plumbing was having an adverse impact on water quality, specifically with regard to lead and copper concentrations. Samples were collected from various potential drinking water outlets located throughout the building.

#### 3.0 PROCEDURES

After determining which outlets would be sampled, McCabe personnel collected a "first draw" sample at each location. A "first draw" is the initial water that is first to come out of the tap after a period of inactivity. All samples were collected into 250 mL sterile bottles, labeled with a sample identification, and analyzed in accordance with EPA approved methods to determine the level of lead in drinking water. Samples were analyzed by an accredited laboratory.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) that set mandatory water quality standards for drinking water contaminants. These are enforceable standards called "maximum contaminant levels" or "MCL", which are established to protect the public against consumption of drinking water contaminants that present a risk to human health. An MCL is the maximum allowable amount of a contaminant in drinking water which is delivered to the consumer.

The EPA has established the Lead and Copper Rule that sets standards for state and public water systems. This rule has set an MCL for lead at 15 parts per billion (ppb) and 1300 ppb for copper collected in a one liter sample. However, the EPA also established the Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Child Care Facilities in which the EPA recommends an MCL of 20 ppb for a 250 milliliter first draw sample. In order to be more stringent, for our report purposes we have compared all results to both the 15 ppb and the 20 ppb standards.

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## 4.0 TABLE OF SAMPLE RESULTS

The following table presents all sample results in order of sample identification:

Sample ID	Sample Location	Lead Result	Exceeds (MCL 15 ppb)	Exceeds (MCL 20 ppb)	Copper Result	Exceeds (MCL 1300 ppb)
01	Kitchen Sink – Sink Side B	< 1	Pass	Pass	29	Pass
02	Kitchen Sink – Sink Side D	< 1	Pass	Pass	41	Pass
03	Room 107 Classroom Sink	< 1	Pass	Pass	64	Pass
04	Room 107 Bathroom B4 Sink	1.9	Pass	Pass	72	Pass
05	Gym – Girls Bathroom Left Sink	1.3	Pass	Pass	60	Pass
06	Gym - Boys Bathroom Left Sink	1.2	Pass	Pass	188	Pass
07	First Floor Boy's Bathroom – Middle Sink	<1	Pass	Pass	56	Pass
08	Room 104 Bathroom Sink	< 1	Pass	Pass	31	Pass
09	First Floor Girls Bathroom – Middle Sink	<1	Pass	Pass	12	Pass
10	Health Director Office	1.5	Pass	Pass	17	Pass
11	Adult Bathroom – Sink – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	1	Pass	Pass	13	Pass
12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Girls Bathroom – Left Sink	4	Pass	Pass	125	Pass
13	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Adult Bathroom - Sink	< 1	Pass	Pass	56	Pass

# 5.0 <u>DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION</u>

A total of thirteen (13) samples were collected from Cliffside Park Head Start. All samples were found to be less than the EPA Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Child Care Facilities standard of 20 ppb, as well as the EPA Lead and Copper Rule standard of 15 ppb. All samples were also found to be less than the EPA Lead and Copper Rule standard of 1300 ppb.

In addition, McCabe Environmental recommends annual drinking water sampling to ensure that the building's plumbing is not having an adverse impact on water quality.