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Hello Community Members,

We have received some concerns regarding the water, and I will assure you the city is addressing your concerns. Just recently we had to post a brochure explaining the health effects of lead and simple steps residents can take to protect yourself by reducing exposure to lead in the water.

The notice was a follow up from the results for the November 2023 lead and copper samples collected at the Galena WTP 1 – City water system. Those samples were run, and results became available in December 2024. Copper levels were fine but there were two locations that exceeded for lead. The levels were high enough at these two locations that it caused the system to exceed the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for lead. At that time, we did notify the community, and this recent notification is a follow up to ensure we educate the public and be in compliance DEC.

Although only 2 of the 10 locations sampled exceeded for lead that did cause the system to exceed the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile which triggers additional actions to be taken. One of these actions is the lead education pamphlet posting/distribution. This is done to try and provide additional information to residents not only about lead levels/exceedances but about their systems specific results.

Lead enters drinking water is a result of corrosion or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and household plumbing, **again the two places that exceed the lead level have been address due to the plumbing and this was back in November 2024.** We are working with DEC and they are fully aware and guiding us through the process. I have attached the Public Notice issued by DEC and signed by the city.

The City's job is to protect public health by ensuring that all people have access to safe drinking water. We work with public water systems (PWS) to help them remain in compliance with state and federal drinking water regulations.

If you have any more questions or would like clarification, please let me know or call the Environmental Program specialist at DEC Drinking water program in Fairbanks at 907-451-2178

We appreciate your support and thank you for all you do for the community.

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