

New Mexico School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Program

The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act) addresses, supports, and improves America's drinking water infrastructure. Included in the WIIN Act are three drinking water grants that promote public health and protection of the environment.

1) Small, Underserved, Disadvantaged Communities Grant

This grant program provides assistance to underserved communities that have no household drinking water or wastewater services or are served by a public water system that violates or exceeds any Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Maximum Containment Level, treatment technique, or action level. Funding will be awarded on a non-competitive basis to states, territories, and tribes.

2) School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program

This grant program awards funding to assist local and tribal educational agencies in voluntary testing for lead contamination in drinking water at schools and childcare programs. Funding will be awarded on a non-competitive basis to states, territories, and tribes.

3) Reducing Lead in Drinking Water

This grant program is designed to facilitate reducing lead in drinking water in disadvantaged communities through infrastructure and/or treatment improvements or facility remediation in schools and childcare facilities. The goal of these projects is to address conditions that contribute to increased concentrations of lead in drinking water. Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis for all applicants other than tribes.

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), performed voluntary sampling for Lead in schools in Catron, Hidalgo, and Luna Counties (May-June 2023). Sample analysis was performed by the NMDOH Scientific Laboratory Division (SLD). The Action level for Lead in drinking water is 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The sampling results are shown on the PDF spreadsheet below.

For questions regarding lead in drinking water, please contact the NMED Drinking Water Bureau by email at drinking.water@env.nm.gov

	Date Sample Collected	Concentration of Lead (mg/L)	Exceeds Lead Action Level? (0.015 mg/L)	Sample Location
Red Mountain Mid School				
	5/30/2023	0.015	No	Cafeteria Custodial Sink
	5/30/2023	0.037	Yes	Girl's Locker Room, 1st Shower
	5/30/2023	0.04	Yes	Girl's Locker Office Shower
	5/30/2023	0.051	Yes	Boy's Locker Room, 1st Shower
	5/30/2023	0.047	Yes	406 Left Sink
	5/30/2023	0.048	Yes	406 Right Sink
	5/30/2023	0.021	Yes	Boy's Locker Office Shower
Dugan-Tarango Mid School				
	5/20/2023	0.024	Yes	Science Room Sink
	5/20/2023	0.037	Yes	Outside Hose, South Side
	5/20/2023	0.017	Yes	Gym, Men's Staff Restroom Sink
R.V. Traylor Elementary School				
	5/20/2023	0.87	Yes	Custodian Closet Utility Sink, North Side
Quemado Elementary/Jr. High/High School				
	6/1/2023	0.028	Yes	Science Lab 125
	6/1/2023	0.036	Yes	Men's Locker Room Shower
	6/1/2023	0.017	Yes	Room 105, Multipurpose Room
Lordsburg High School				
	5/12/2023	0.005	No	Visitor's Field House, Bathroom Sink (W)
	5/12/2023	0.003	No	Welder Shop, Utility Sink, Inside Shop
	5/12/2023	0.002	No	Welder Building, Men's Restroom (L)
	5/12/2023	0.003	No	Welder Building, Women's Restroom (R)
	5/12/2023	<0.001	No	Welder Building, Drinking Faucet (R)
	5/12/2023	<0.001	No	Welder Building, Drinking Faucet (L)
	5/12/2023	0.043	Yes	Welder Shop, 112 Janitor Utility Sink
	5/12/2023	0.025	Yes	Gym Office, 129 Bathroom
	5/12/2023	0.027	Yes	125 Janitor
	5/12/2023	0.047	Yes	Visitor's Field Drinking Fountain
	5/12/2023	0.088	Yes	Gym , 130 Janitor Utility Sink
	5/12/2023	0.035	Yes	Maverick's Corral, Staff Shower
Bataan Elementary School				
	5/30/2023	0.039	Yes	Janitor's Room Utility Sink
	5/30/2023	0.021	Yes	Workroom Janitor's Closet Utility Sink
Lordsburg Admin Office				
	5/12/2023	<0.001	No	Admin Office Breakroom
	5/12/2023	0.024	Yes	Back of Building, Outside
	5/12/2023	0.002	No	Admin Office, Room 126, Right Sink
Deming High School				
	5/30/2023	0.11	Yes	Outside Hose Spigot, Back of School
Mimbres Valley High School				
	5/30/2023	0.08	Yes	Back of School Spout #1
	5/30/2023	0.065	Yes	Back of School Spout #2
Memorial Elementary School				
	5/30/2023	0.017	Yes	407 Testing and Therapy Sink
Chaparral Elementary School				
	5/31/2023	0.12	Yes	Custodian Office Utility Sink
Ruben S Torres Elementary School				
	5/31/2023	0.022	Yes	Gym, Janitor's Utility Sink