

Oceanside Union Free School District

Water Testing Background



As of 11/8/2017

As you may know, there have been reports of lead being found in water from fountains and sinks in schools across the country, including on Long Island. Our goal in Oceanside is to safeguard the health and well-being of our students and staff by ensuring that the drinking water in our buildings is safe. Therefore, the Oceanside School District voluntarily began water quality testing in all of our schools in May 2016 by utilizing JC Broderick, an independent environmental consultant.

All initial (Phase 1) sampling of high priority water outlets which are outlets used for cooking or drinking was performed, analyzed and reported to the District in September 2016. The Phase 1 report containing results is posted to the website without building floor plans for security purposes. These reports are available to be reviewed in their entirety by making an appointment with the Oceanside UFSD Buildings & Grounds Department at 516-594-2333. **All Phase 1 tests & results are now 100% compliant.**

New legislation has now transferred jurisdiction of this matter from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Department of Health (DOH) due to new regulations. More information can be found at: http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/lead/child_care_providers.htm. The updated regulation not only required the sampling of high priority water outlets, but also required the sampling of all low and non-listed priority water outlets located on the school property. These are outlets that are not normally used for cooking or drinking, such as bathroom sinks, custodial slop sinks, science lab sinks, etc. **Testing of these sources is labeled as “Phase 2 Samplings”.**

The District’s Phase II remediation plan is ongoing. All elementary school buildings have been remediated and re-tested at this point. Approximately 75% of those fixtures have been cleared; the remaining 25% need filters which are being installed at this time. The remediation work has been completed at OMS and re-tests went very well with 85% being cleared. The remaining will have filters installed systematically. OHS remediation and retesting is complete; lab results were very good at about 75% clearance. The District has been busy installing the filters and we are moving along in the rooms where the filters are needed. The installation of these filters is being done on a sink-by-sink basis as each install is different. When we have finished the install we will have all the filtered sinks re-tested at once so we can complete this task.

We will continue to keep you apprised on this matter.