

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Fendee Estates Has Failed to Complete and/or Submit an Initial Service Line Inventory

Our water system recently violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing/have done to correct this situation. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

What happened? Service lines carry drinking water from the water main to your home or building. Fendee Estates was required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule Revision of 2021 to inventory the drinking water service lines in our water distribution system in order to determine the type of material that makes up each line. This initial inventory was required to be completed and submitted to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality by October 16, 2024. Fendee Estates did not submit the inventory until October 23, 2024 and therefore, failed to complete and/or submit the inventory on time, as required.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. All community and non-transient public water systems were required to inventory the drinking water service lines within their distribution system in order to identify lines made of lead or galvanized material requiring replacement. The purpose of the inventory is to use the information to notify consumers about the type of material that makes up their service line and to determine which lines will need to be replaced per the new lead rule requirements. We did not complete the inventory or submit the inventory as required and therefore we have received a violation from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality. We will remain out of compliance with this requirement until the initial inventory is completed and submitted.

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

What is being done? The report was 2 days late to the State - Fendee does not have Lead/Copper pipes (Describe the corrective action.)

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For more information regarding lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's website at [Http://www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or contact your health care provider.

