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Dear Perth Amboy Board of Education School Community:

Our school system is committed to protecting student, teacher, and staff health. To protect our community and be in compliance with the Department of Education regulations, the district tested our schools' drinking water for lead.

In accordance with the Department of Education regulations, <u>Ignacio Cruz ECC</u> will implement immediate remedial measures for any drinking water outlet with a result greater than the action level of 15 μ g/l (parts per billion [ppb]). This includes turning off the outlet unless it is determined the location must remain on for non-drinking purposes. In these cases, a "DO NOT DRINK – SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY" sign will be posted.

Testing Results

Following instructions given in technical guidance developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, we completed a plumbing profile for each of the buildings within the district. Through this effort, we identified and tested all drinking water and food preparation outlets. Of the $\underline{38}$ samples taken, all but $\underline{3}$ tested below the lead action level established by the US Environmental Protection Agency for lead in drinking water (15 μ g/l [ppb]).

The table below identifies the drinking water outlets that tested above the 15 μ g/l for lead, the actual lead level, and what temporary remedial action the Perth Amboy School District has taken to reduce the levels of lead at these locations.

Sample Location	First Draw Result in	Remedial Action
	μg/l (ppb)	
CRUZ-SB-R140 RM140	25.8	Bottled water provided. Posted signage "DO NOT
		DRINK- SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY"
		(Installed new Filters, Re-Tested in July 2022-
		Result Non-Detected)
CRUZ-SB-R107 RM107	39.0	Bottled water provided. Posted signage "DO NOT
	1.48	DRINK- SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY"
		(Re-Tested in July 2022 – Results <u>1.48</u>)
CRUZ-SB-R105 RM105	16.3	Bottled water provided. Posted signage "DO NOT
		DRINK- SAFE FOR HANDWASHING ONLY"

Health Effects of Lead

High levels of lead in drinking water can cause health problems. Lead is most dangerous for pregnant women, infants, and children under 6 years of age. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. Exposure to high levels of lead during pregnancy contributes to low birth weight and developmental delays in infants. In young children, lead exposure can lower IQ levels, affect



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hearing, reduce attention span, and hurt school performance. At *very* high levels, lead can even cause brain damage. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.

How Lead Enters our Water

Lead is unusual among drinking water contaminants in that it seldom occurs naturally in water supplies like groundwater, rivers and lakes. Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion, or wearing away, of materials containing lead in the water distribution system and in building plumbing. These materials include lead-based solder used to join copper pipe, brass, and chrome-plated brass faucets. In 1986, Congress banned the use of lead solder containing greater than 0.2% lead, and restricted the lead content of faucets, pipes and other plumbing materials. However, even the lead in plumbing materials meeting these new requirements is subject to corrosion. When water stands in lead pipes or plumbing systems containing lead for several hours or more, the lead may dissolve into the drinking water. This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning *may* contain fairly high levels of lead.

Lead in Drinking Water

Lead in drinking water, although rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly the exposure of children under the age of 6. EPA estimates that drinking water can make up 20% or more of a person's total exposure to lead.

For More Information

For more information about water quality in our schools, contact Carmen Southward, District Director of Operations, at (732) 376-6200.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home and the health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD, or contact your health care provider.

If you are concerned about lead exposure at this facility or in your home, you may want to ask your health care providers about testing children to determine levels of lead in their blood.

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The following analytical report covers the analysis performed on samples submitted to EMSL Analytical, Inc. on 1/13/2022. The results are tabulated on the attached data pages for the following client designated project:

21-211/Cruz- Additional Samples

The reference number for these samples is EMSL Order #012200947. Please use this reference when calling about these samples. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (856) 303-2500.

Approved By:

1/27/2022

Phillip Worby, Environmental Chemistry Laboratory Director



The test results contained within this report meet the requirements of NELAP and/or the specific certification program that is applicable, unless otherwise noted.

NELAP Certifications: NJ 03036, NY 10872, PA 68-00367, CA ELAP 1877

The samples associated with this report were received in good condition unless otherwise noted. This report relates only to those items tested as received by the laboratory. The QC data associated with the sample results meet the recovery and precision requirements established by the NELAP, unless specifically indicated. All results for soil samples are reported on a dry weight basis, unless otherwise noted. This report may not be reproduced except in full and without written approval by EMSL Analytical, Inc.



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Collected: 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0001 3-CRUZ-SB-R140 Client Sample Description 7:18:00 AM RM140 Analysis Prep Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Parameter Result **RL Units** Method **METALS** 1/24/2022 KB 1/25/2022 JW 1.00 µg/L 25.8 200.8 Lead 20:35 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0002 Collected: 6-CRUZ-SB-R139 Client Sample Description 7:19:00 AM RM139 Prep Analysis Result **RL Units** Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Method Parameter **METALS** KB 1/25/2022 JW 1/24/2022 4.49 1.00 µg/L Lead 200.8 20:28 012200947-0003 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 7-CRUZ-SB-R137 Collected: Client Sample Description RM137 7:20:00 AM Analysis Prep **RL Units** Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Result Method Parameter **METALS** JW ND 1.00 µg/L 1/24/2022 KB 1/25/2022 200.8 Lead 20:38 Lab ID: 012200947-0004 Client Sample Description 1/13/2022 8-CRUZ-SB-R138 Collected: 7:21:00 AM RM138 Analysis Prep Date & Analyst Date & Analyst **RL Units** Result Parameter Method **METALS** 1/25/2022 KB 2.97 1.00 µg/L 1/21/2022 KB Lead 200.8 20:28 012200947-0005 1/13/2022 Lab ID: Client Sample Description 9-CRUZ-SB-R136 Collected: 7:21:00 AM RM136 Prep Analysis Date & Analyst Date & Analyst **RL Units** Parameter Result Method

4.59

1.00 µg/L

1/21/2022

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20:35

Lead

METALS

200.8



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	10-CRUZ-SB-R135					
Client Sample Description	RM135		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:22:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0006
Method I	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8 L	Lead	1.52	1,00 µg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 20:40
Client Sample Description	11-CRUZ-SB-R133 RM133		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:24:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0007
Method I	Parameter	Result	RL Units	:	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8 l	Lead	8.94	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 20:42
Client Sample Description	12-CRUZ-SB-R134 RM134		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:24:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0008
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units	;	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	3.05	1.00 μg/L		1/21/2022 KB	1/25/2022 KB 20:37
Client Sample Description	13-CRUZ-SB-R131 RM131		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:25:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0009
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units	;	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	1.87	1.00 μg/L		1/21/2022 KB	1/25/2022 KB 20:38
Client Sample Description	14-CRUZ-SB-R130 RM130		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:26:00 AM		012200947-0010
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units	5	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	7.87	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 20:49



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Client Sample Description	15-CRUZ-SB-R129 RM129		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:30:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0011
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units	5	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	3.09	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 20:52
Client Sample Description	16-CRUZ-SB-R128 RM128		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:30:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0012
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units	6	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	3.42	1.00 µg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 20:54
Client Sample Description	17-CRUZ-SB-R127 RM127		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:29:00 AM		012200947-0013
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units	s	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	3.28	1.00 µg/L		1/21/2022 KB	1/25/2022 KB 20:40
Client Sample Description	18-CRUZ-SB-R125 RM125		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:31:00 AM		012200947-0014
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units	s	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	4.79	1.00 µg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 20:57
Client Sample Description	19-CRUZ-SB-R126 RM126		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:32:00 AM		012200947-0015
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Unit	s	Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	3.44	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 20:59



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Collected: 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0016 Client Sample Description 20-CRUZ-SB-R124 RM124

7:38:00 AM

Analysis Prep Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Parameter Result **RL Units** Method

METALS

1/24/2022 KB 1/25/2022 JW 1.00 µg/L 1.84 200.8 Lead

21:08

1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0017 Collected: 21-CRUZ-SB-R123 Client Sample Description

7:35:00 AM RM123

Analysis Prep Date & Analyst **RL Units** Date & Analyst Result Parameter Method

METALS

1/24/2022 KB 1/25/2022 JW 1.94 1.00 µg/L Lead 200.8 21:01

012200947-0018 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 22-CRUZ-SB-R122 Collected: Client Sample Description

7:35:00 AM RM122

Prep Analysis Date & Analyst **RL Units** Date & Analyst Result Parameter Method

METALS

KB 1/25/2022 1.00 µg/L 1/21/2022 KB 2.04 200.8 Lead 20:42

012200947-0019 Lab ID: 1/13/2022 Collected:

22A-CRUZ-SB-R121 Client Sample Description 7:36:00 AM RM121

Analysis Prep Date & Analyst Date & Analyst **RL Units** Result Parameter

Method

METALS 1/25/2022 JW 1.04 1.00 µg/L 1/24/2022 **KB** Lead 200.8

012200947-0020 Lab ID: 26-CRUZ-SB-R101 Collected: 1/13/2022 Client Sample Description

7:37:00 AM RM101

Analysis Prep Date & Analyst Date & Analyst **RL Units** Result Parameter Method

METALS 200.8

1/24/2022 1/25/2022 1.00 µg/L Lead 21:18

21:11



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Client Sample Description	27-CRUZ-SB-R102 RM102		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:37:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0021
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	1.25	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 21:20
Client Sample Description	28-CRUZ-SB-R104 RM104		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:38:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0022
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	3.89	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 21:23
Client Sample Description	29-CRUZ-SB-R103 RM103		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:39:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0023
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	6.56	1.00 µg/L		1/21/2022 KB	1/25/2022 KB 20:43
Client Sample Description	31-CRUZ-SB-R110 RM110		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:50:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0024
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	11.9	1.00 μg/L		1/21/2022 KB	1/25/2022 KB 20:45
Client Sample Description	32-CRUZ-SB-R109 RM109		Collected:	1/13/2022 7:48:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0025
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	1.52	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 21:25



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33-CRUZ-SB-R107 Collected: 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0026 Client Sample Description 7:46:00 AM RM107 Prep Analysis

Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Method Parameter Result **RL Units**

METALS

KB 1/25/2022 JW 1/24/2022 39.0 1.00 µg/L 200.8 Lead 21:27

012200947-0027 34-CRUZ-SB-R108 Collected: 1/13/2022 Lab ID: Client Sample Description

7:45:00 AM

RM108 Prep Analysis Result **RL Units** Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Parameter Method

METALS 1/25/2022 1/24/2022 KB 6.03 1.00 µg/L 200.8 Lead

JW 21:30

012200947-0028 1/13/2022 Lab ID: Client Sample Description 35-CRUZ-SB-R105 Collected: RM105 7:42:00 AM

Analysis Prep RL Units Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Parameter Result Method

METALS

16.3 1.00 µg/L 1/21/2022 KB 1/25/2022 KB 200.8 Lead 20:46

012200947-0029 1/13/2022 Lab ID: Client Sample Description 36-CRUZ-SB-R106 Collected: RM106 7:43:00 AM

Prep Analysis Date & Analyst Date & Analyst **RL Units** Result Method Parameter

METALS

2.01 1.00 µg/L 1/21/2022 KB 1/25/2022 KB 200.8 Lead 20:48

012200947-0030 Client Sample Description 37-CRUZ-SB-R111 Collected: 1/13/2022 Lab ID: RM111 7:52:00 AM

Prep Analysis Date & Analyst **RL Units** Date & Analyst

Method Parameter Result **METALS**

1/21/2022 KB 1/25/2022 6.41 1.00 µg/L 200.8 Lead 20:56



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1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0031 Collected: Client Sample Description 38-CRUZ-SB-R113 7:54:00 AM RM113 Prep Analysis **RL Units** Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Result Method Parameter **METALS** 1.00 µg/L 1/21/2022 KB 1/25/2022 ΚB 6.98 200.8 Lead 21:00 012200947-0032 39-CRUZ-SB-R114 Collected: 1/13/2022 Lab ID: Client Sample Description 7:56:00 AM RM114 Prep Analysis Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Parameter Result **RL Units** Method **METALS** 1.00 µg/L KB 1/25/2022 JW 3.77 1/24/2022 Lead 200.8 18:24 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0033 40-CRUZ-SB-R115 Collected: Client Sample Description 7:59:00 AM RM115 Prep Analysis Date & Analyst Result **RL Units** Date & Analyst Method Parameter **METALS** 1.00 µg/L 1/24/2022 KB 1/25/2022 JW 2.96 200.8 Lead 17:03 41-CRUZ-SB-R116 Collected: 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0034 Client Sample Description 8:01:00 AM RM116 Analysis Prep **RL Units** Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Parameter Result Method **METALS** 1/25/2022 JW 1/24/2022 KB 1.87 1.00 µg/L 200.8 Lead 17:06 1/13/2022 Lab ID: 012200947-0035 Collected: Client Sample Description 42-CRUZ-SB-R117 RM117 8:03:00 AM Analysis Prep Date & Analyst Date & Analyst Result **RL Units** Parameter Method **METALS** 3.32 1.00 µg/L 1/24/2022 KB 1/25/2022 Lead 200.8 17:08



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Client Sample Description	43-CRUZ-SB-R118 RM118		Collected:	1/13/2022 8:04:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0036
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	ND	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 17:11
Client Sample Description	1 46-CRUZ-SB-R119 RM119		Collected:	1/13/2022 8:08:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0037
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	5.54	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 17:13
Client Sample Description	47-CRUZ-SB-R120 RM120		Collected:	1/13/2022 8:07:00 AM	Lab ID:	012200947-0038
Method	Parameter	Result	RL Units		Prep Date & Analyst	Analysis Date & Analyst
METALS						
200.8	Lead	4.57	1.00 μg/L		1/24/2022 KB	1/25/2022 JW 17:15

Definitions:

MDL - method detection limit

J - Result was below the reporting limit, but at or above the MDL

ND - indicates that the analyte was not detected at the reporting limit

RL - Reporting Limit (Analytical)

D - Dilution Sample required a dilution which was used to calculate final results