



Greater Augusta Utility District

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To our customers:

People in Maine and throughout the country today are understandably concerned about lead in their drinking water. News reports that Maine had a high level of “exceedances” of lead standards in recent testing may have heightened this concern, but the vast majority of these problems resulted from lead entering the water supply through private plumbing systems, not from municipal systems.

At Greater Augusta Utility District, we are proud to report that our drinking water supply has lead levels far below the safe maximum, based on independent test results recently released by the Maine State Drinking Water Program. The level of lead in GAUD’s water supply in both 2014 and 2015 was measured at 3.8 parts per billion (ppb), which is 75% below the 15 ppb “Action Level” (the level at which there is a health concern requiring mitigation).

Our water quality reports also show all other contaminants at well below safe levels. Our monthly test reports are available on our website, and the 2015 annual report will be available within the next 10 days.

Given the possibility of lead entering tap water from private-property plumbing, we encourage our customers—and residents with private wells—to have their water tested for lead. This can be done quickly and inexpensively through local laboratory services.

At GAUD, delivering clean, safe drinking water is always our top priority. We invite you to email or call us with any concerns about your water.

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