



December 1, 2016

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Dear Mr. Malakoe:

Re: Follow-up Policy for Testing Lead Content in Drinking Water of School Facilities

In response to your letter of November 18, 2016 enquiring as to the status of lead sampling in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools (NLPS) facilities we can provide you with the following:

- February 24, 2016 - Ministry of Education directed all School Districts together with Local Health Authority to develop a program for testing lead content in all school facilities
- August 2016 - VIHA provided guidelines for initial testing
- September 23, 2016 - NLPS approved funding for the testing program
- September 27, 2016 - Ministry provided NLPS with developed Policy for Lead Content Testing in Drinking Water of School Facilities that includes testing of all facilities over a 3-year period
- October 12, 2016 - Tender #2483 released for retention of Environmental Consulting firm to collect samples and interpret results. Tender closed November 2, 2016
- November 16, 2016 - Tender awarded to Tetra Tech Engineering
- November 28, 2016 – Testing schedule forwarded to VIHA
- All testing and recommendations to be completed by March 10, 2017
- Ministry report to be submitted by March 31, 2017

As per Ministry policy, NLPS intends to communicate the results and remediation recommendations, as required, to both the Ministry and VIHA once testing analysis of the water samples is complete.

While Ms. Jill Lucko, VIHA Environmental Health Officer, has been contacted by this office, it is our understanding that all further communications should be directed to yourself.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Sincerely

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cc: Pete Sabo, Director of Planning & Operations