

VILLAGE OF GRATIS

PWS ID# 6800612

March 7, 2017

Ohio EPA:

The Village of Gratis water system was put in service in 1954. The system consists of two (2) production wells and chlorination. There have been many upgrades on the distribution system since 1954. It is my understanding that no lead service lines were installed initially and to date we have not observed any lead service lines in the system during installation of new water mains, repair of existing water mains, installation of meters, and repair work completed on service lines. What we have seen is copper and iron pipe service lines. Plastic service lines have been installed during water main replacement projects over the past 8 to 10 years. Therefore to the best of my knowledge there are no lead service lines in the Village.

Because it is practically impossible to determine the lead content of an installed fixture, fitting or pipe, it should be assumed that the manufacture or installation date is the primary indicator of lead content. Therefore, the characteristics of the buildings and piping solder or fixtures would be buildings in Ohio built prior to 1998 or that use plumbing material or solder manufactured before 1998 may have materials with greater than 8% lead and are at a higher risk of contributing lead to the drinking water than materials manufactured after 1998. In addition, buildings built and plumbing materials manufactured after 2014 were required to have less than 0.25% lead by weight and have a lower risk for contributing lead to the drinking water. It should be noted however that, although prohibited, some use of lead solder or leaded components may have occurred after the prohibitions became effective.

Should you have any questions, please contact Gary Wagner via email, gwagner2@who.rr.com, and/or at 937-533-0082.

Sincerely,

David Johnston



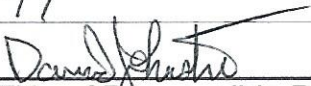
VERIFICATION FORM FOR COMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS CLAIMING NO LEAD SERVICE LINES

The owner or operator of all community public water systems must identify and map areas of their distribution system that are known or are likely to contain lead service lines. Systems must submit a copy of the applicable map to the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Systems must also submit a report to the director containing at least both of the following: (1) The applicable map with narrative, and (2) A list of sampling locations used to collect samples as required by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6109.121 and any rules adopted thereunder, including contact information for the owner and occupant of each sampling site.

Should a water system determine no lead service lines exist in their distribution system, they must provide information stating they reviewed, at the minimum, historical permit records and local ordinances, distribution maintenance records and information pertaining to installation dates or materials for all services lines. This information must be verified below.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING METHOD(S) WERE USED TO DETERMINE NO
LEAD SERVICE LINES EXIST IN THIS WATER SYSTEM'S DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AS
REQUIRED BY ORC 6109.121(F):

LEAD SERVICE LINE VERIFICATION
<p>This PWS states they have no lead service lines and has reviewed the following information (select one or more of the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical permit records and/or local ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distribution maintenance records, to the best of my knowledge. • Information pertaining to installation dates for all service lines (i.e. after 1986 when lead services lines were banned) • Service line material of all service lines is known (i.e. all service lines are known to be PVC)

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Signature of Responsible Person	PWS NAME: <u>Village of Gratis</u> PWS ID: <u>OH6800612</u> COUNTY: <u>Preble</u>
Date <u>3-7-17</u>	
David Johnston 	
Printed Name and Title of Responsible Person	