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Six Month Follow Up Stoughton Utilities Public Drinking Water Notice – Elevated Concentrations of Lead Found in Some Homes in 2019

In 2019, six of thirty drinking water sites tested returned samples that contained elevated concentrations of lead. Due to these test results, Stoughton Utilities is required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to submit a press release to local news outlets every six months to remain compliant with public education requirements.

Each year, Stoughton Utilities collects drinking water samples from thirty homes, and tests those samples to determine the amount of lead and copper that is present in those homes' drinking water. All of the homes sampled have lead service lines, and the samples are taken from inside the homes at a faucet that provides drinking water.

Lead is not a naturally occurring groundwater contaminant in the City of Stoughton, and is not sourced by the utility's groundwater wells or water towers. Rather, lead finds its way into homes' drinking water from the lead service lines that were installed to specific properties, as well as internal plumbing solder and older plumbing fixtures. 85% of properties in Stoughton do not have lead service lines.

Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area, and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.