The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) and their contracted partners at TruePani, will be reaching out to NH schools as part of the Get the Lead Out of Drinking Water Program (an outcome of 2018 Senate Bill 247 Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning).

NHDES is working to collect any remaining testing results and remediation actions from previous years of testing. Members of their program team will be reaching out to schools that have not reported test results. They will also be inquiring about any corrective actions that a school may have taken for drinking water sources with elevated lead levels, as this information was not something that had been required for schools to report.

To check if your facility has previously reported test results or remediation information, click here. Please note this link will bring you to a table that includes a column for any samples of greater than 5ppb. We want to clarify that, at the time of the previous round of testing, remediation was required to be undertaken for test results that were 15ppb or higher. However, schools may have chosen to remediate for test results less than this threshold, and they could have applied for grant funds to partially cover the remediation costs for any tests results of 5ppb or higher. Therefore, when viewing this table, please bear in mind that schools were not required to remediate for test results greater than 5ppb, only for those 15ppb or higher.

To report previous testing results or remediation activities, please complete this NHDES form.

We are also excited to announce that NHDES has secured funding to cover some analysis costs for upcoming sampling requirements. This funding is through the US EPA WIIN 2107 grant, which provides support for lead testing at public schools and child care programs and should help pay for the next round of sampling.

In addition, the existing lead removal grant is still available to reimburse public and non-public schools for 50% of the total lead remediation costs. Projects completed from 2016 to present are eligible for funding. More information on this program is available here: program website.