

REFERENCE

2425572

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SUBJECT

Lead exceedances in drinking water.

RESPONSE

- 1. How many times in the last three years that routine testing has identified water that has lead levels higher than 10 ig/L. For each of these occasions I would like the location, the date and the reading.***

Annex A attached refers. Page 1 contains the random regulatory / compliance monitoring samples, which is what NI Water assume you refer to as 'routine testing'. Page 2 contains the list of exceedances from samples requested by customers.

- 2. I would like to know how many times the UKHSA has been notified of unsafe water levels in the last three years and how many were because of high lead.***

There is no requirement for NI Water to notify UKHSA of any water quality issues, including lead exceedances. NI Water is required under agreed protocol, to notify the Public Health Agency, Drinking Water Inspectorate and the relevant Council's Environmental Health Department of any lead result in drinking water that is greater than the PCV limit. All of the samples shown in the attached spreadsheet were notified in this way.

- 3. Where customers have asked for their water supply to be tested in the last three years, I would like to know how many times you identified water with lead levels higher than 10 ig/L.***

Annex A again refers.

- 4. For each of these occasions I would like the location, the date and the reading. In the last three years I would like to know how much money has been paid in compensation for high lead levels (where the reading was higher than 10 ig/L).***

There is no regulatory requirement for compensation in Northern Ireland for a lead exceedance of the PCV.