INTRODUCTION TO SEPTEMBER 2021 DRINKING WATER SAMPLING REPORTS

The following reports are from a sampling event in September 2021 where samples of drinking water were collected at representative fixtures throughout the Goodfellow Federal Center. A total of 86 samples, including duplicate samples, were collected from within 11 buildings. Sample locations can be found in the reports for each building. Samples were analyzed for lead and copper, as per the EPA Lead and Copper Rule. The testing was part of GSA’s continual check for drinking water quality, which occurs at least twice a year.

There were 4 samples that resulted in levels above the EPA Action Level established for lead. These elevated samples were collected from sinks on the second floor of Building 105 in laboratory rooms. All of these sources were removed from service as soon as the sample results were available.

The aerators and faucets on the 4 sinks in Building 105 have been cleaned. Although these sinks reportedly are infrequently used, GSA will not return them to service until resampling results show levels below the EPA Action Levels. GSA will share subsequent resampling results.

All samples were collected as first draw samples throughout buildings in accordance with the Lead and Copper Rule (40 CFR Part 141 Subpart I). First draw samples represent “worst case” conditions with water that has been stationary within the fixture for a minimum of 6 hours. It should be noted that, due to the low occupancy rate at the Goodfellow Federal Center, GSA has been performing comprehensive flushing of building water systems to ensure the drinking water quality.

If you have any questions concerning these data, please email r6environmental@gsa.gov and GSA will provide responses from the appropriate experts.