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The Aspetuck Health District has received phone calls from Westport residents concerning a letter recently received from the Aquarion Water Company. The Aquarion letter stated that "Our most recent service line inventory indicates that some or all of the water service line materials between the water main and your property are of **unknown material classification.** Unknown means that the service line may be lead."

Please note that Aquarion's letter is mandated by the Federal Government's customer lead service line inventory effort and that much of the contained language is required by USEPA as part of evolving regulations around the treatment of lead.

Additionally, Aquarion has indicated that it consistently complies with all Federal and State water quality standards, including those for lead. Even if a customer has lead service lines, Aquarion is adjusting the chemistry in the water to prevent corrosion that could result in lead in the tap. Before these new rules, adjusting water chemistry was the long-standing practice to protect consumers from lead. The lead service line inventory is a belt and suspenders approach across the country to get lead removed from drinking water infrastructure. Aquarion has indicated that the water has been and will continue to be safe.

Here is a link to Aquarion's service line inventory map:

<u>http://www.aquarionwater.com/leadsurvey</u> any resident in the service territory can look up their address to see what Aquarion has on record for their service line (both customer and utility side).

Aquarion's website has a comprehensive set of information about lead as well: <u>http://www.aquarionwater.com/lead</u> This is a great resource and Aquarion is trying to encourage people to read it. Please share the link.

Here is also a link to the Consumer Confidence Report for the most recent year for the Bridgeport Main System. <u>http://www.aquarionwater.com/waterqualityreports</u>

The Aquarion letter has raised concerns with residents looking to have their water tested. The Health District is not a laboratory and cannot test water for the presence of lead. Below is a short list of laboratories in the area that can. Additional testing laboratories can be found by googling "CT water testing laboratories.

## Some Area Water Testing Laboratories

Complete Environmental Testing Laboratory Stratford, CT · (203) 377-9984 Closes 5 PM

YORK Analytical Laboratories Stratford, CT Closes 5 PM · (203) 325-1371

YORK Analytical Laboratories Laboratory Newtown, CT · (203) 270-9973 Closes 5 PM

Aquatek Labs Laboratory Woodbridge, CT Closes 5 PM · (203) 389-1824

Brooks Enviro Environmental engineer Norwalk, CT Closes 5 PM · (203) 853-9792

CT Radon and Well Water Solutions Water testing service Milford, CT Closes 6 PM · (203) 680-3707

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