

April 10, 2025

CURTIS OLSON & ADAM PRESTON  
NESTUCCA HIGH SCHOOL  
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**RE: Copper Action Level Exceedance NESTUCCA HIGH SCHOOL, (PWS OR4190594)**

Dear CURTIS OLSON & ADAM PRESTON,

Recent samples exceeded the action level of 1.3 mg/L for copper. Due to the health effects associated with exposure to copper, you must complete the actions specified in this letter as soon as possible and no later than the dates identified.

- Submit a written review of corrosion control treatment and corrections by 9/30/2025;
- Collect WQP and demonstration tap samples in at least the next two 6-month monitoring periods reported by 1/10/2026 and 7/10/2026 respectively

These steps are described in more detail below:

1. Immediately investigate whether there is a problem with the existing corrosion control treatment system and repair any problems found. Submit a written review to the regulating agency by 9/30/2025 whether a problem was found with the corrosion control treatment system and how it was corrected, or what changes will be made to ensure action levels will not be exceeded in the future.
2. Conduct two 6-month rounds of lead and copper tap monitoring at 10 sample sites. The first round must be collected between 7/1/2025 and 12/31/2025 and the results submitted to DWS by 1/10/2026. The second round must be collected between 1/1/2026 and 6/30/2026 and submitted to DWS by 7/10/2026.
3. Two rounds of water quality parameters (WQP) collected from the distribution system at a routine coliform sample site with each round of tap samples. These WQP samples must be collected 2 weeks apart and include pH and alkalinity. The pH

should be analyzed directly in the field. The first two rounds must be submitted to DWS by 1/10/2026 and the second two rounds must be submitted to DWS by 7/10/2026.

Continue measuring WQPs at least every 2 weeks at the entry point. Elevated lead or copper levels indicate that corrosion control treatment and WQP targets need to be reevaluated and adjusted (for example, minimum pH raised). When demonstration rounds are completed, minimum WQP levels will be established to ensure effective corrosion control moving forward.

If the action level for lead or copper continues to be exceeded during 6-month rounds of monitoring, the water supplier will be required to reassess if the current corrosion control treatment system is adequate or whether a different chemical treatment option needs to be considered.

As a reminder, you must notify those drinking the water at each location of the test results within 30 days of receiving them from the lab. A representative copy of the notice and certification of distribution must be submitted by 9/30/2025. The notification must also include the maximum contaminant level goal and the action level for lead with the definitions for these two terms, an explanation of the health effects of lead, a list of steps consumers can take to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water and contact information for your water utility.

The rules for controlling lead and copper are extensive and complicated. Please contact Jaime Craig at (503) 842-3909 for assistance. Thank you for your prompt attention to these requirements.

Sincerely,

Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

Cc: Nicole Alfafara, DWS  
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