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The City of Monterey Park has been incorrectly reported of having levels of lead in the water system above the Action Level (AL). This incorrect information was recently included or referenced in the March 16, 2016 articles from both Desert Sun and the USA Today.

The correct reporting results show that all of the required Lead and Copper samples for the City of Monterey Park for 2012 and 2015 are Non-Detectable (ND) for LEAD and well below the established ACTION LEVEL for Copper. The required water samples were tested by a certified and approved laboratory and the results provided the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the regulating body for water systems.

The 2015 results from the required testing demonstrates a level of Non-Detect (ND) for lead in the City's drinking water. The **ACTION LEVEL (AL) is 15 ppb.**

The 2015 results from the required testing for copper in 260 ppb which is well for below the **ACTION LEVEL (AL) is 1,300 ppb.**

The city has not received an explanation why the incorrect information was reported but it appears as if the information was misinterpreted by the reporting agency. The city of Monterey Park is actively pursuing a correction of this story and assures the community there is no reason for concern as lead levels are Non-Detectable in the city's water system.

Research by staff into the source and evaluation of the data revealed flaws in the interpretation and reliability of the data used in the news stories and will work to correct the error and request a retraction of the inaccurate statement.

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