

2015-16 Civil Grand Jury  
Drinking Water Safety in SF: **RESPONSES TO CGJ FINDINGS**

CGJ Year	Report Title	#	Findings	Respondent assigned by CGJ	2016 Responses (Agree/Disagree)	2016 Response Text
2015-16	Drinking Water Safety in SF: A Reservoir of Good Practice	F.A.1.	The Jury was satisfied with San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) water stewardship as well as the nearterm drinking water supply/demand outlook. SFPUC is to be commended.	Mayor's Office	agree with finding	
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2015-16	Drinking Water Safety in SF: A Reservoir of Good Practice	F.A.2.	We see little risk of lead from SFPUC water lines.	Mayor's Office	agree with finding	
2015-16	Drinking Water Safety in SF: A Reservoir of Good Practice	F.A.2.	We see little risk of lead from SFPUC water lines.	BoS	agree with finding	The Board of Supervisors reports that they agree with Finding No. F.A.2 given that California plumbing components for drinking water has been lead-free since 2010, including San Francisco where lead piping is rare.
2015-16	Drinking Water Safety in SF: A Reservoir of Good Practice	F.A.3.	Currently, drinking water contaminants that are below detection limits for reporting are not shown in the annual water quality report, in accord with regulatory guidance.	SFPUC Water Enterprise	agree with finding	
2015-16	Drinking Water Safety in SF: A Reservoir of Good Practice	F.A.4.	There are no water quality certification programs for buildings. Our public buildings, especially drinking fountains, would benefit from displaying a dated, leadsafe seal/sticker from the SFPUC on our drinking water taps.	SFPUC Water Enterprise	agree with finding	The SFPUC is not aware of any water quality certification program for buildings and agrees that there would be some public benefit associated with such a program. Yet, the creation of such a certification program would be extremely resource intensive and not provide public health value. The SFPUC has existing practical and cost effective means to provide assurances to our customers about lead (i.e., customers can already request lead tests for a nominal fee of \$25). We will investigate other cost-effective strategies to make any available data for our public facilities accessible through our city open data portals.
2015-16	Drinking Water Safety in SF: A Reservoir of Good Practice	F.A.5.	The SFPUC Regional Water System has not been associated with any waterborne illnesses, and since 1993 this has been documented monthly. SFPUC is to be commended.	Mayor's Office	agree with finding	

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2015-16	Drinking Water Safety in SF: A Reservoir of Good Practice	<b>R.A.3.</b>	In the interest of transparency, all drinking water contaminants analyzed (analytes) that do not pose a public security issue should be disclosed in the SFPUC Water Quality Annual Report	SFPUC Water Enterprise	The recommendation has not been, but will be, implemented in the future	This recommendation will be implemented in the City of San Francisco Annual Water Quality Report beginning with next year's 2016 Water Quality Report. Staff will insert a list of the aforementioned analytes either as a link inside or a part of the San Francisco Water Quality Report.
2015-16	Drinking Water Safety in SF: A Reservoir of Good Practice	<b>R.A.4.</b>	SFPUC should create a water quality certification program for buildings, offering at least a dated, leadsafe seal/sticker on/near the fixture and visible to the consumer.	SFPUC Water Enterprise	The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.	<p>This recommendation will not be implemented. The creation and regular implementation of an entirely new water quality certification program regarding lead would be extremely resource intensive. We appreciate the need to provide assurances to our customers about lead, we believe we achieve this goal in other ways - (i.e., customers can already request lead tests for a nominal fee of \$25).</p> <p>We already implement an extensive ongoing lead abatement program. We removed all known lead service lines from the City distribution system decades ago. We are systematically checking the small percentage of service connections that are of unknown composition. We also regularly check the transmission system for appropriate corrosion control and periodically check for actionable lead levels at taps throughout the City. Furthermore, our Annual Water Quality Reports consistently contain information about lead and how consumers can test their individual faucets.</p> <p>The SFPUC's lead program has been touted as an exemplary program for other water agencies to follow.</p>