

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education  
Supervisory Officers and Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities  
Director, Provincial Schools Branch  
Supervisory Officer, Centre Jules-Léger

**FROM:** Nancy Whynot  
Director, Capital Programs Branch

**DATE:** September 24, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **Ministry of the Environment Protocol for O. Reg. 243/07  
Facilities Which Exceed the Ontario Drinking Water  
Quality Standard for Lead**

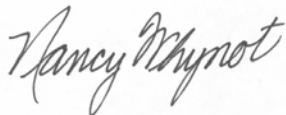
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Further to numbered Memorandum 2007: SB22 School water systems, dated August 31, 2007, I am forwarding a letter from Keith West, Chief Drinking Water Inspector, and the Ministry of the Environment's "Protocol for O. Reg. 243/07 Facilities Which Exceed the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standard for Lead".

District school boards, school authorities and provincial schools are reminded to create cost centres for any incremental expense that arises from providing alternative drinking water and/or installing water filters to reduce lead in those schools with initial results exceeding the standard of 10 micrograms of lead per litre after flushing. Please continue tracking these expenses until the alternative water source is no longer needed.

The Ministry of Education will assess incremental costs province-wide and provide appropriate compensation, including for child care centres located in schools. Further direction on the financial reporting of incremental expenditures and board-specific allocations will be provided at a later date.

If you require further information, please contact your regional manager.



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Attachments

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