

# LEAD IN DRINKING WATER COOLERS



Some water coolers manufactured prior to 1987 may have lead-containing components. Water coolers may have lead-lined tanks, or may have tin-lead solder joints. In these water coolers, lead may leach into the drinking water to unsafe levels.

The water coolers in USDA facilities were inventoried on August 14, 2007. The models were checked against a list of model numbers which are known to have lead-containing components.

Two water coolers with suspect model numbers were found. The water cooler in Bldg. 1 was removed then replaced and the water cooler at the Belflower farm was disconnected.

Any questions, contact your location EMS Coordinator or Safety & Occupational Health Specialist.