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Dear Residents and Water Customers,

Enclosed is a regulatory notice advising you of the results of 4th quarter 2022 water quality tests conducted on our water system. The test results confirm that the water we are supplying to you continues to meet New Jersey's drinking water standard for PFOA and all other state and federal water quality requirements. Please review the notice for details.

As you will recall from prior updates, PFOA levels in the water being delivered have been within the maximum standard of 14 parts per trillion since October 2021. We initially accomplished this, in response to new state regulations and a PFOA exceedance in the third quarter of 2021, by shutting down wells with higher levels of PFOA and changing the way we blend the water sources that remained in service. In May 2022, our first treatment facility to remove PFOA began operating. That interim facility allowed us to return some of the wells that were taken offline to service, while keeping overall PFOA levels within the New Jersey standard.

Our plans for a larger PFOA treatment facility, which will remove PFOA on a permanent basis from the water drawn from 13 of our 16 wells, were submitted to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection in the summer of 2022 and are awaiting various approvals. The NJDEP's review process is taking longer than expected. As a result, although we had initially hoped that the new facility would begin operating in April 2023, that will not be possible. Subject to receiving final NJDEP approval shortly, we anticipate awarding procurement and construction contracts for the 13-well permanent treatment facility in the next several months and having the facility completed in early 2024.

You should expect to receive quarterly notices like the enclosed document until permanent PFOA treatment systems are operating at all our treatment plants, including those we are not currently using. These updates are required by law and are simply meant to keep you informed about your drinking water and the capital improvements we are making in response to new regulations and the prior MCL exceedance.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Davis
Mayor
Borough of Essex Fells