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Dear Residents and Consumers,

I write to provide an update on recent improvements to the Essex Fells water system.

In May 2022, our first treatment facility to remove PFOA became operational. As you will recall from prior updates, the water being delivered to you has had PFOA levels within the New Jersey maximum of 14 parts per trillion since October 2021. That was initially accomplished, in response to new regulations and PFOA levels detected in September 2021, by shutting down wells with higher levels of PFOA and changing the manner in which we blend the water sources that remained in service. This new treatment facility allows us to return some of the wells that were taken offline to service while keeping overall PFOA levels within the New Jersey standard.

This new facility is a very positive step, but it is an interim measure. Our experts continue to finalize plans for larger treatment facilities that will remove PFOA from the water supply on a permanent basis. We anticipate these permanent treatment facilities for 13 of our 16 wells will be completed by April 2023.

Enclosed is a regulatory notice advising you of the results of 2nd quarter water quality tests conducted on our water system. The test results confirm that the water being supplied to you does not exceed New Jersey's 14 parts per trillion maximum contaminant level for PFOA and meets all other water quality standards. Specifically, the second quarter sample collected on June 3, 2022 showed a PFOA level of 9.55 parts per trillion at treatment plant TP001001, which is the only treatment plant currently in use. When the second quarter result is combined with other test results over the past year, that means the running annual average for PFOA is now 13 parts per trillion. Please review the regulatory notice for more details.

You should anticipate receiving quarterly regulatory notices similar to the enclosed document until permanent treatment facilities are operational for all of our 16 wells and our three treatment plants, including those we are not currently using.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Davis
Mayor
Borough of Essex Fells