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March 15, 2022

Dear Residents and Consumers,

Enclosed is a regulatory notice from the Essex Fells Water Department, advising you of the results of 1st quarter water quality tests conducted on our water system. The test results confirm that the water currently entering our system has a PFOA level within the 14 ppt maximum contaminant level (MCL) established by New Jersey effective in 2021. The water being provided to you also meets all other water quality standards.

However, as a reminder, NJ's regulatory requirement for PFOA does not just examine current conditions. It is instead based on a rolling annual average (RAA), which averages test results over the preceding 4 quarters. As a result, when the 1st quarter 2022 measurement at the treatment plant we are currently using is averaged with test results from the last 3 quarters of 2021, the RAA for that facility remains above the regulatory MCL requirement.

Our Water Department is required to send water customers a quarterly regulatory notice, similar to the enclosed document, until applicable RAAs are within the regulatory standard and we have taken permanent remedial action to address the PFOA issue reported to you on September 16, 2021. For us, permanent remedial action involves the construction of treatment facilities that will remove PFAS compounds from the water. Until those facilities are operational, our water utility will continue to monitor and manage our active water sources to keep the level of PFOA in the water supply low.

We expect the first PFAS treatment facility to come online in May 2022.

Please see the section of the enclosed notice entitled "What is being done?" for a recap of the steps we have taken to date and a status update on the treatment project. Please consult essexfellsboro.com/pages/pfoa for more information, including copies of our prior written notices on this subject. We will continue to update that page from time to time as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Davis
Mayor
Borough of Essex Fells