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Dear Residents and Consumers,

Enclosed is a regulatory notice advising you of the results of 3rd quarter 2022 water quality tests conducted on our water system. The test results confirm that the water being supplied to you continues to meet New Jersey's drinking water standard for PFOA and also meets all other water quality standards. Please review the notice for more details.

As you will recall from prior updates, the water being delivered to you has had PFOA levels below the New Jersey maximum of 14 parts per trillion since October 2021. That was initially accomplished, in response to new regulations and a PFOA exceedance in the third quarter of 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. 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 in the water being delivered to customers within the New Jersey standard.

Design 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 this summer and are awaiting the NJDEP's approval. We anticipate awarding procurement and construction contracts for this permanent facility in the next several months and having the facility completed in 2023.

Even though the water being delivered to you is now within the NJ standard for PFOA, you should expect to receive quarterly notices similar to the enclosed document until permanent treatment facilities are operational for all of our 16 wells and three 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 what we have done and are doing to remediate the prior MCL exceedance.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Davis
Mayor
Borough of Essex Fells