



BOROUGH OF ESSEX FELLS
255 ROSELAND AVENUE
ESSEX FELLS, NEW JERSEY 07021

October 18, 2023

Dear Residents and Water Customers,

Enclosed is a regulatory notice advising you of the results of 3rd quarter 2023 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 satisfies all other state and federal water quality requirements. Please review the notice for details.

As you will recall from prior updates, since October 2021 our water utility has kept PFOA levels low by constructing an interim treatment facility, removing some wells from service, and adjusting operating protocols, including how we blend our water sources. These measures have been effective, but they are interim steps, designed to manage PFOA levels in the water being delivered until we can construct larger, permanent PFOA treatment facilities.

The primary new PFOA treatment facility is being built at our main water treatment plant in Essex Fells. Upon completion, it will remove PFOA contaminants from the water drawn from 13 of our 16 wells. This new facility is scheduled to be completed in mid-2024.

We also plan to install permanent PFOA treatment systems at two additional water treatment plants, both of which are currently offline. Once approved and constructed, these two additional projects will remove PFOA on a permanent basis from the remaining 3 of our 16 wells and allow us to bring those 3 wells back into service. Design plans for both facilities were submitted to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection in June 2023. Subject to NJDEP and other third-party approvals, public contract bidding procedures and the availability of key equipment, we hope to complete the second facility in late 2024 or early 2025 and the third and final facility later in 2025.

Our Water Department is required to send water customers quarterly regulatory notices until permanent PFOA treatment systems are operating at all three of our treatment plants, including those we are not currently using. These updates are meant to keep you informed about your drinking water and the capital improvements we are making in response to new regulations and the September 2021 PFOA exceedance previously reported to you.

For additional information, including copies of our prior notices and information on PFOA from the NJ Department of Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, please consult the Borough's website (<https://www.essexfellsboro.com/pages/pfoa>). 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