

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### The Livingston Township Division of Water Has Levels of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a New Jersey drinking water standard. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did/are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. The New Jersey standard for PFOA, first in effect in 2021, is 0.014 µg/L (or parts per billion) and is based on a running annual average (RAA). On August 19, 2021 we received notice that the RAA based upon samples collected at one of our eleven (11) treatment plants (Well #10) in the first quarter 2021, second quarter 2021, and third quarter 2021, with values of 0.024 ug/l, 0.020 ug/l and 0.023 ug/l respectively, showed that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for PFOA. Regardless of the fourth quarter 2021 results for Well #10, the current RAA for PFOA is 0.017 µg/L which is above the MCL.

#### What does this notification mean?

*\*Some people who drink water containing PFOA in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their blood serum cholesterol levels, liver, kidney, immune system, or, in males, reproductive system. Drinking water containing PFOA in excess of the MCL over many years may also increase the risk of testicular and kidney cancer. For females, drinking water containing PFOA in excess of the MCL over many years may cause developmental delays in a fetus and/or an infant. \**

For more information refer to: [https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/pfas\\_drinking%20water.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/pfas_drinking%20water.pdf).

#### What should I do?

- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.
- If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- Boiling your water will not remove PFOA.

#### What is being done?

The affected well facility, Well #10 has been shut off and it is no longer delivering water. We have also begun designing a new treatment facility for this well and our system. We anticipate resolving this problem within 2 to 4 years, while managing our system to minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, the amount of PFOA in our system.

To view all the drinking water quality data collected by Livingston Township Division of Water visit [https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP\\_WaterWatch\\_public/index.jsp](https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP_WaterWatch_public/index.jsp) and enter NJ0710001 for the PWSID.

For more information, please contact Livingston Township Division of Water at 973-992-5000 or [water@livingstonnj.org](mailto:water@livingstonnj.org).

*\*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. \**

This notice is being sent to you by Livingston Township Division of Water. State Water System ID#: NJ0710001.

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