

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### Monitoring Requirements Not Met for South Harrison Elementary School

Our water system violated drinking water requirements over the past year, mainly due to laboratory errors. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether your drinking water meets health standards. During the sampling periods 7/1/2019 to 9/30/2019 and 10/01/2019 to 12/31/20 we are required to sample for PFNAs.*

*The PFNA samples were taken as required during those 2 quarterly periods. Unfortunately due to lab errors the results were rejected by the NJDEP and were not permitted to be used. Therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that sampling period. Sampling was then completed as required the following quarter and the results were safe and well below the MCL.*

#### What are the Health Issues?

The most consistent findings for PFOA and PFOS are increased cholesterol and uric acid levels, as well as increases in some liver enzymes for PFOA. Both contaminants are associated with decreased antibody response to vaccinations, and PFOS is also associated with an increased risk of childhood infections. In a large study of communities with drinking water exposure, PFOA was associated with clinically defined high cholesterol, kidney and testicular cancer, thyroid disease, ulcerative colitis, and pregnancy-induced hypertension.

#### What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do currently. You may continue to drink the water. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

#### What is being done?

We are still collecting quarterly samples as per the State regulations and will continue to do so until notified that we have received a sampling reduction in sampling for these contaminants.

For more information, please contact Jack Lynch at 609-861-7000 or PO Box 608, Woodbine, NJ 08270.

*\*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. \**

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