

March 25, 2016

Dear Souhegan Woods Customer:

Please consider this letter as follow up to our March 11, 2016 letter regarding the sampling of your water for the presence of Perfluorooctanoic Acids ("PFOA's"). A sample of your water supply was taken on March 16, 2016. The sample showed a PFOA level of 3 parts per trillion.

In its March 23rd press release, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services stated that "The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not set an enforceable drinking water standard for PFOA under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA's Office of Water has, however, established a Provisional Health Advisory (PHA) of 0.4 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) or 400 parts per trillion for PFOA. That level is set based upon short-term contact and the EPA is currently developing guidance for long-term exposure levels, which EPA is expected to release in the near future. Since EPA has not yet established a Health Advisory for lifetime exposure to PFOA, NHDES, out of an abundance of caution, has decided to provide bottle drinking water to locations using a private well for drinking water for human consumption that contains over 100 parts per trillion of PFOA. NHDES will reassess this situation once EPA provides more definitive guidance."

Please note that the water currently in your system is exclusively from the Pennichuck wells serving your subdivision and not from the Merrimack Village District ("MVD"). As previously stated, your water system gets some of its water from the MVD to supplement Pennichuck's well supply as needed to meet seasonal irrigation demands or in the event of a fire. For specific information regarding PFOA's and what actions you can take if you are concerned about PFOA's in your drinking water, please go to the following links:

1. US Environmental Protection Agency Fact Sheet on PFOA's

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-04/documents/factsheet_contaminant_pfos_pfoa_march2014.pdf

2. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Treatment Option Fact Sheet

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-treatment-options.pdf>

In the event you do not have access to a computer, please call Pennichuck at 800-553-5191 and request that Pennichuck send you the above referenced Fact Sheets.

Thank you.



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