

NOTICE ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Exceedance

Public Water System Name: **Merrimack Village District**

PWS ID: **1531010**

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. NHDES mandated quarterly testing and reporting for 4 consecutive quarters to determine if public water systems are in compliance. This notice does not mean there was an increase in levels previously reported.

The Running Annual Average (RAA) calculation represents the average of all sample results collected within a one-year period. Your drinking water RAA calculation is above the enforceable MCL for the following:

Exceedance: Quarter 3-2021

Date Collected: July 15, 2021

Violation of NH Admin. Rule: Env-Dw 712

Contaminant	MCL (nanograms/L)	Site ID/ Location	Results for the Past 12 months (most recent first)	Running Annual Average
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	12 ng/L	504-GPW 3 CAMP SARGENT TREAT HOUSE / 003	19.4 ng/L 27 ng/L 15.3 ng/L 17.1 ng/L	20 ng/L
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	12 ng/L	505-GPW 2A BERRY LANE TREATMENT HOUSE / 008	11.7 ng/L 12.9 ng/L 12.8 ng/L 13.4 ng/L	13 ng/L
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)	12 ng/L	508-FINISHED WATER/WTP/BLEND 007 009	25.8 ng/L 25.6 ng/L 23.4 ng/L 23.6 ng/L 26.2 ng/L	25 ng/L

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

Some people who drink water containing perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver, endocrine system, or immune system, may experience increased cholesterol levels, and may have an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer. It may also lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant.

What should I do? If you have concerns about increased health risks, alternative water for drinking and cooking can be utilized. If you have specific health concerns, please contact your health care professional. General health-related questions may be directed to the NHDES Environmental Health Program at (603) 271-6802.

Steps being taken to correct the situation:

- MVD is pursuing PFOA Treatment Systems for all MVD wells. Wells 7 & 8 and Wells 2 & 9 are scheduled to be complete in Spring and Fall of 2022 respectively. Wells 4 & 5 currently have treatment for PFOA.
- MVD is temporarily flowing PFOA water that is below the PFOA MCL from Pennichuck Water Works into the MVD system in order shut down Wells 2, 3, 7 & 8 until those treatment systems are complete. Wells 2, 3, 7 & 8 will only be used if they are absolutely necessary to provide additional supply or in case of emergency.
- MVD has filed suit in NH Superior Court against the parties responsible for PFOA contamination of MVD's wells.
- MVD is pursuing grant funding through NHDES for PFOA treatment.

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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.