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PFAS Detections in City of Mosinee East Drinking Water System

The City of Mosinee Water Utility has conducted two rounds of sampling for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) from our drinking water system that serves the area east of the Wisconsin River. This notice is to inform you of the results and the operational changes the City has made to protect your health.

The first round of sample results showed levels of PFAS above the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' (DHS) health advisory levels in one of our two operating wells. As a result, the City collected a second round of samples to confirm the PFAS levels. The City also made changes to the operations of our East Drinking Water System in an attempt to reduce PFAS to below the healthy advisory levels by running both of our wells at the same time and collecting a sample of the water from where these wells enter our water system. **The results of the second round of samples confirm that the levels in one of the two operating wells is high, but that the operational changes resulted in PFAS levels below the health advisory levels in the drinking water that the City provides.**

The City of Mosinee will continue operating our drinking water system by running the two wells together and will routinely collect samples to verify that this plan consistently results in levels of PFAS in the municipal drinking water that remain below DHS's health advisory levels. If future results show levels have risen above these levels, you will be notified within 30 days.

A full list of the sampling results from May 4 and June 6, 2022, including the individual PFAS compounds, the reported concentrations and DHS' recommended standards, can be found on the City's website at www.mosinee.wi.us. We will continue to update our website following each future sampling event. The City of Mosinee would like to emphasize that the Water Utility is not in violation of any current federal or state drinking water regulations.

In order to be proactive and protective of our water customers' health, the City of Mosinee has made the decision to sample for PFAS compounds in our drinking water.

On May 24, 2022, the City received test results from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) which indicated that **no PFAS** was detected in the sample that was taken from the entry point for the West Drinking Water System that is located on Mosinee Avenue. This site provides drinking water for the area west of the Wisconsin River.

PFAS have been found in some drinking water supplies where PFAS releases have occurred in the environment. PFAS can be found in fire-fighting foams, stain repellants, nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, food wrappers, and are used in many industrial processes. They do not break down in the environment and move easily into water.

DHS has made health-based advisory level recommendations, also referred to as recommended groundwater standards, for 12 individual PFAS compounds and a combined value for 6 compounds.

Specific health information regarding PFAS compounds with health advisory recommendations in Wisconsin can be found here:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/gws-cycle10.htm>
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/gws-cycle11.htm>

Additional health information regarding PFAS can be found here:

DHS PFAS <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/chemical/pfas.htm>.

The City of Mosinee is committed to providing our consumers with quality drinking water. As your water supplier, the City will continue to work closely with WDNR to maintain the quality of your drinking water.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mosinee City Administrator Jeff Gates at 715.693.2275 or at cityadm@mosinee.wi.us.