

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **Kingwood Township School Has Levels of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Above A Drinking Water Standard**

Our water system violated a New Jersey drinking water standard, and as our students, staff and families of the Kingwood Township School District, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

Kingwood Township School routinely monitors for the presence of federal and state regulated drinking water contaminants. New Jersey adopted a standard, or MCL, for PFOA in 2020 and monitoring began in 2021. The MCL for PFOA is 0.0146 parts per billion (ppb) and is based on a running annual average (RAA), in which the four most recent quarters of monitoring data are averaged. On November 7, 2022, Kingwood Township School District received notice that the samples collected on October 28, 2022 for Kingwood Township School, showed that our system continues to exceed the PFOA MCL at TP001001. The RAA for PFOA based on samples collected over the last year is 0.0146 ppb.

#### **What is PFOA?**

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) is a member of the group of chemicals called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), used as a processing aid in the manufacture of fluoropolymers used in non-stick cookware and other products, as well as other commercial and industrial uses, based on its resistance to harsh chemicals and high temperatures. PFOA has also been used in aqueous film-forming foams for firefighting and training, and it is found in consumer products such as stain-resistant coatings for upholstery and carpets, water-resistant outdoor clothing, and greaseproof food packaging. Major sources of PFOA in drinking water include discharge from industrial facilities where it was made or used and the release of aqueous film-forming foam. Although the use of PFOA has decreased substantially, contamination is expected to continue indefinitely because it is extremely persistent in the environment and is soluble and mobile in water.

#### **What does this mean?**

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

*\* For specific health information, see*

[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?**

- Anyone concerned about their health should consult with their personal healthcare provider.
- The New Jersey Department of Health advises that infant formula and other beverages for infants, such as plain water or juice, should be prepared with bottled water when PFOA is elevated in drinking water.

- Pregnant, nursing, and women considering having children may choose to use bottled water or a home filter designed to remove PFOA for drinking and cooking to reduce exposure to PFOA.
- Other people may also choose to use bottled water for drinking and cooking to reduce exposure to PFOA or a home water filter that is certified to reduce levels of PFOA.
- Home water treatment devices are available that can reduce levels of PFOA. If a water treatment device is used, it is important to follow the manufacturer's guidelines for maintenance and operation. For more specific information regarding the effectiveness of home water filters for reducing PFOA, visit the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International website, <http://www.nsf.org/>. [NSF does not certify reduction of PFOA to the NJ MCL for PFOA.]
- Boiling your water will not remove PFOA.

For more information, see <https://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/pfas/>.

### **What is being done?**

The School District is currently evaluating treatment systems to remediate the PFOA from the drinking water. The District anticipates resolving the problem By July 27, 2023

For more information, please contact Michele McCann at (908)996-2941 ext 516 or Kingwood Township School, 880 County Road, Frenchtown NJ, 08825 or [mmccann@kingwoodschool.org](mailto:mmccann@kingwoodschool.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 Kingwood Township School District.  
State Water System ID#: NJ1016300.

Date distributed:, 2022



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## Public Notification Certification Form – Tiers 1, 2 & 3

Requirements Pursuant to 40 CFR 141, Subpart Q and NJAC 7:10

***\*\*This form and a copy of the Public Notice must be submitted by the supplier of water (water system or Licensed Operator of Record) to the State within 10 days of issuance\*\****

PWSID#: NJ016300 Water System Name: Kingwood Township School

Violation #: 3116 Violation or Situation Date: November 7, 2022

Individual Parameter or Group: Perfluoroactonic Acid PFOA

Compliance Period: 10/01/2022-12/31/2022

Violation or Situation Type: (Check appropriate box)

- ☒ MCL ☐ Treatment Technique ☐ Water Main Break ☐ MRDL ☐ Consecutive System  
☐ E. Coli Positive Source Water Sample ☐ Monitoring and Reporting ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For RTCR Assessment Violations Only: ☐ Level 1 Treatment Technique ☐ Level 2 Treatment Technique

Public Notification Tier: (Check appropriate box) ☐ Tier 1 ☒ Tier 2 ☐ Tier 3

Notice for an ongoing/repeat violation: ☐

Please check all that apply and provide information as indicated below:

- ☒ Consulted with DEP within 24 hours (Tier 1) or 48 hours (Tiers 2 & 3) Date: 07/27/2022
- ☐ Provided PN to all owners and operators of consecutive systems which received water during the compliance period indicated above.

Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

List Water System Names and PWSID Numbers (attach additional pages as needed):  
\_\_\_\_\_

☒ Not Applicable

- ☐ For a Tier 1 PN only. The water system notified the mayor and municipal clerk of each affected municipality within 1 hour of becoming aware by telephone and electronic mail. Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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Water System Name: Kingwood Township School PWSID: NJ016300

4. Distributed the Public Notice by the following method(s) and on the following date(s) in accordance with 40 CFR 141.201 to reach all person served:

Required methods for Tier 1 (must distribute Notice in a minimum of one of the following ways within 24 hours):

- |  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate broadcast media (such as radio and television)            | Date: _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Posting of notice in conspicuous locations throughout the area served | Date: _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand delivery of the notice to persons served                         | Date: _____                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (prior approval from the State is required):<br>_____           | Approved Date: _____<br>Date: _____ |

Required methods for Tier 2 and Tier 3 (must choose a minimum of one distribution method from (a) and (b)):

- |     |   |                                     |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|
| (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Mailing to Customers  | Date: _____                         |
|     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hand Deliver Notice to Customers  | Date: <u>12/20/2022</u>             |
|     | <input type="checkbox"/> In the Annual Report (for Tier 3 Public Notice only)   | Date: _____                         |
| (b) | <input type="checkbox"/> Publish Notice in Newspaper  | Date: _____                         |
|     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Notice on System Website   | Date: <u>12/20/2022</u>             |
|     | <input type="checkbox"/> Billing  | Date: _____                         |
|     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reverse 911  | Date: _____                         |
|     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuously post in a public location<br>(always required for non-community water systems) | Date: <u>12/20/2022</u>             |
|     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (prior approval from the State is required):<br>_____  | Approved Date: _____<br>Date: _____ |

**Note:** Non-community water systems that serve a school, preschool or any other child care facilities must also hand deliver the notice to a parent or legal guardian of each child for Tier 1, 2 and 3 violations and situations. For more information, reference EPA's Public Notification Rule Compliance Help for Water System Owners and Operators website at: <https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/public-notification-rule-compliance-help-water-system-owners-and-operators>.

5. **Content – 10 Required Elements Checklist:** 40 CFR 141 Subpart Q (Ensure all items are included in the notice)

☒ Used DEP approved template available on the website at <https://nj.gov/dep/watersupply/>

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If DEP approved template was not used, check all that apply:

- ☐ Description of violation or situation including contaminant and contaminant levels as appropriate.
- ☐ Date violation or situation occurred.
- ☐ Potential adverse health risks, using mandatory language provided in the rule.
- ☐ The population at risk, including sub-populations particularly vulnerable if exposed.
- ☐ Whether alternate water supply should be used.
- ☐ What action consumers should take, including when to seek medical help, if known.
- ☐ What the system is doing to correct the violation or situation.
- ☐ When the system expects to return to compliance or resolve the situation.
- ☐ Contact information: Owner name, business address, and phone number of the water system owner, operator or designee that can provide additional information concerning the notice.
- ☐ A statement encouraging recipients to distribute the notice to other persons served, using standard language from the rule.
- ☐ For monitoring and reporting violations included required language provided in the rule.(for Tier 3 Public Notice only)

6. ☒ Attach a copy of the completed Public Notice(s) and if applicable, a copy of the written notice or verbal transcript provided to the mayor and municipal clerk, to this certification form.

- ☒ I hereby certify that public notification has been provided to its consumers in accordance with all delivery, content, and format requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 141 and NJAC 7:10.

Water System Owner/Executive Director Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/19/2022  
Printed Name: Michele McCann Title: SBA/SFO/RSBA  
Phone Number: 908-996-2941 Email: mmccann@kignwoodschool.org

- ☐ I hereby certify that public notification has been provided to its consumers in accordance with all delivery, content, and format requirements specified in 40 CFR Part 141 and NJAC 7:10.

Licensed Operator of Record Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/19/2022  
Printed Name: MAX Huber License Number: 671156  
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