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Princeton Public Utilities Remains Committed to Treating PFAS

On April 10th, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released final National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for per- and polyfluoralkyl substances (PFAS). This regulation includes Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs), and a Hazard Index to address mixtures of PFAS. The rule addresses the following PFAS: PFOS, PFOA, PFNA, PFHxS, GenX, and PFBS.

Public Water Systems (PWS) will have three years to conduct PFAS testing and an additional two years before they are required to meet the new MCLs. No immediate actions are required at this time. The announcement was made to allow PWS the ability to plan for these new requirements in five years.

To date, Princeton Public Utilities (PPU) has been working in close partnership with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). The testing and monitoring of the groundwater which serves our region has been underway for several years. Through that voluntary collaboration we have identified elevated levels of PFAS in Wells #8 and #9 on the south end of town located west of US-169 on South Rum River Drive near Crystal Drive. Due to the work that has been completed over the last couple of years, Minnesota and PPU are in a better position to address this issue than most states.

Looking forward, PPU continues to work with its engineer (WSB) to evaluate future mitigation options. PPU will continue to share those findings and any developments with the Princeton Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to determine the best solution for our community. As a reminder, the PUC meets the fourth Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public and videos of the proceedings are posted on our website.

PPU has included information on PFAS on its website (www.princetonutilities.com/pfas) and will add to it as more information becomes available. For detailed PFAS information, please refer to the MDH website (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/hazardous/topics/pfcs.html>) and the EPA website (<https://www.epa.gov/pfas>).

PPU is also working with MDH to schedule a public town hall in the upcoming weeks. Experts from the MDH will be in attendance to answer questions. PPU customers, as well as private well owners in the townships, are encouraged to attend.

PPU remains committed to health and safety of our community. Residents should know that PPU's drinking water is safe to drink under current guidelines. There have been no changes to PPU's drinking water and we continue to meet the federal State Drinking Water Act. More information can be found in our Drinking Water Report (Consumer Confidence Report) at <https://princetonutilities.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2023-Princeton-Drinking-Water-Report-1.pdf>.