

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Westville Has Levels of Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA) Above A Drinking Water Standard

Our water system violated a New Jersey drinking water standard, and as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we doing to correct this situation.

In the second quarter of 2023 our water system violated a New Jersey drinking water standard for exceeding the MCL for PFNA.

Per the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, we will continue to provide you with an updated public notice every 3 months until we complete all approved remedial measures and return to compliance with the MCL.

Westville Water routinely monitors for the presence of federal and state regulated drinking water contaminants. New Jersey adopted a standard, or MCL, for PFNA in 2018 and monitoring began for our system in 2021. The MCL for PFNA is 0.013 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 July 26 2023, we received notice that the sample collected on 2nd quarter of 2023 showed that our system exceeds the PFNA MCL at sample point TP001003. The RAA for PFNA based on samples collected over the last year is 0.014 ppb. It should be noted, the RAA for PFNA is based on samples collected previously. See "What is being done" below for more information.

What is PFNA?

Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) is a member of the group of chemicals called per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), that are man-made and used in industrial and commercial applications. PFNA has been historically used as a processing aid in the manufacturing of high-performance plastics that are resistant to harsh chemicals and high temperatures. Major sources of PFNA in drinking water include discharge from industrial facilities where it was made or used. Although the use of PFNA 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 PFNA in excess of the MCL over time could experience problems with their liver; kidney; immune system; or, in males, reproductive system. For females, drinking water containing PFNA in excess of the MCL over time may cause developmental delays in a fetus and/or an infant.*

** For specific health information see*

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 PFNA is elevated in drinking water.
- Pregnant, nursing, and women considering having children may choose to use bottled water for drinking and cooking to reduce exposure to PFNA.
- Other people may also choose to use bottled water for drinking and cooking to reduce exposure to PFNA.
- Although there are no home filters that are National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International certified to remove PFNA, available home water filters have been tested to remove the closely related chemical Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and may also reduce exposure to PFNA. If a water treatment device is used, it is important to follow the manufacturer's guidelines for maintenance and operation. (NSF does not certify reduction of PFOA to the NJ MCL for PFOA.)
- Boiling your water will not remove PFNA.

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

What is being done?

The Borough of Westville is serviced by a drinking water plant that is located at 114 Crown Point RD. The PFNA detected over the last quarter (December 2023) has been determined to be 0.004 ppb (parts per billion). The current running annual average (RAA) for Westville, is now 0.010 parts per billion (ppb) . Westville Water has been in contact with our engineers Bryson and Yates, to obtain permits to install new filters or any other option to help get us remove PFNA in our water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 1-2 years .

For more information, please contact Martin Finger or Ryan Giles at 856-456-7785 / 856-456-0030 or mfinger@westville-nj.com or rgiles@westville-nj.com .

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 Westville Water Department. State Water System ID#:NJ0821001.

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