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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

### National Park Water Department Has Levels of Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA) Above Drinking Water Standards

#### UPDATE on the running annual average for PFNA Monitoring:

Our water system recently violated a New Jersey drinking water standard. Although this is **NOT** an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did (are doing) to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Our water is sampled quarterly for drinking water contaminants. The quarterly monitoring periods are Jan 1-March 31, April 1-June 30, July 1-September 30, and October 1-December 31. On February 2nd, 2021, we received notice that the samples collected for the first quarter (1/1/2021-3/31/2021) showed that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Perfluorononanoic Acid (**PFNA**). The New Jersey standard MCL for **PFNA** is **.013 ug/L (or micrograms per liter)** and is based on a running annual average, which is an average of the most recent 4 quarters. With the latest quarter results of **.0142 ug/L**, the new running annual average of PFNA for our water system is **.0166 ug/L (or micrograms per liter)**.

<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Quarterly Value (ug/L)</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020	.0163
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020	.0175
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020	.0184
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021	.0142
Running Annual Average	.0166

## What does this mean?

This is **NOT** an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, some people who drink water containing PFNA in excess of the MCL over many years 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 many years may cause developmental delays in a fetus and/or infant.

For more information refer to [https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/pfas\\_drinking%20water.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/pfas_drinking%20water.pdf)

**NOTE: This advisory is NOT related to COVID-19**

The World Health Organization has stated that the, “presence of the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies and based on current evidence the risk to water supplies is low.” For additional information on COVID-19 and drinking water, you can refer to EPA’s website: <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater>

## What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, there are **NSF certified** (National Science Foundation) household carbon filtration systems that can be purchased at your discretion.
- If you have specific health concerns, have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

## What is being done?

- We have secured a \$1million grant through the USDA to go towards upgrading our water treatment facility equipment to Granular Activated Carbon Filtration, which will remove the PFNA chemical and address the MCL exceedance.
- The construction permit was submitted to the NJDEP on October 21<sup>st</sup> and the application was deemed complete in late November. The technical review is ongoing, and the Project financing is being finalized by the Borough Council and NJ Infrastructure Bank.
- Once a permit is issued, and authorization to advertise is granted by NJIB/NJDEP the project will go out to bid.
- As of **3/3/2021** we are still currently waiting for a response from the NJDEP to proceed with the project, therefore extending our estimated completion time through summer 2021.

This notification, as well as previous notifications, will be posted to the town web page: [www.nationalparknj.com](http://www.nationalparknj.com)

-For more information, please contact Steven Clark, the Water and Sewer Superintendent, at (856)845-3891.

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