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Public Information Notice

Important Information About Your Drinking Water

Cromwell Fire District, Water Division Public Water System

The Cromwell Fire District, Water Division (The District) is conducting voluntary sampling for emerging contaminants in drinking water. On Thursday September 7th, 2023, the District, a Public Water System, will collect samples to analyze the drinking water for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has recommended public water systems test for PFAS.

We will perform sampling at all four Gardiner Wellfield wells (Wells 1, 2, 3, & 4) and at the entry point to the distribution system and analyze for PFAS compounds using standardized United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Methods. When sample results are available, we will share these results on the District's Website. We will also conduct follow up activities, as necessary.

What are PFAS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of thousands of man-made chemicals with many useful properties, such as repelling water and oil, preventing staining and sticking, and increasing heat resistance. PFAS are (or have been) in use since the 1940s in a wide variety of consumer products, as an ingredient in firefighting foam and in industrial processes. Some sources of PFAS releases into the air, soil, and water have been chemical manufacturing and processing facilities, fire departments and training centers, metal plating and etching industries, landfills and waste management facilities, airports, and military installations. While some PFAS have been phased out of production, these are very persistent chemicals that can remain in the environment for long periods, even after removal from the marketplace. Because of their widespread use and persistence in the environment, most people have been exposed to PFAS.

For information on PFAS, including possible health outcomes, you may visit these websites:

- Connecticut Department of Public Health Frequently Asked Questions about PFAS: [PFAS \(ct.gov\)](#)
- Basic information and links to additional resources: [PFAS Explained | US EPA](#)

