

Hopewell Water Districts

Dutchess County, New York

330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533

March 31, 2021

Re: Hopewell Hamlet, Hopewell Glen, Hopewell North, Hopewell West (Worley) Water Districts

To: Water District User

You are receiving this memorandum in addition to a notice reviewed by the Department of Health (DOH) pertaining to your water supply. This memorandum is intended to inform you that after consultation with the DOH that that your water is safe for all uses and new water sampling and testing changes have occurred to your drinking water system, as a result of new regulations established by the State of New York.

The Federal Government, through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), established a health advisory level for drinking water standards related to newly identified contaminants, often referred to as emerging contaminants. The contaminants include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). The USEPA action level is 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOS and PFOA. In August 2020, New York State adopted a MCL with a limit of 10 ppt for PFOS and PFOA. New York also established a testing schedule for the emerging contaminants. For water systems located in East Fishkill, sampling started in February 2021.

Results indicate that Hopewell West (Worley) and the older Hopewell Hamlet wells have detectable amounts of PFOS and PFOA above the 10 ppt levels. The Hopewell Hamlet wells were immediately turned off after the second round of sampling and we continue using the newer Cannon Wells which are safe to use. When reviewing the sampling results included on the attached Notification, the "Entry Point" is representative to the levels entering the water distribution system, after the water was blended. Again, the Hopewell Hamlet Wells were turned off immediately after the second round of sampling was complete.

The new requirements for sampling PFOS/PFOA have identified many locations throughout New York State, including neighboring Dutchess County communities, which require further action based on test results. The Water Districts are working with the County and State Health Departments to establish the best course of action for long term mitigation and treatment. The Water Districts are also encouraging the State to investigate the potential source(s) of PFOA/PFOS, while the Town conducts its own legal due diligence.

We understand that you may be unfamiliar with the information in this memorandum and attached documents, leading to curiosity and questions. The Water Districts are requesting the State and County DOH as well as NYSDEC experts come to and attend a Water District Information Session and explain the PFOA/PFOS requirements. Once we have confirmed dates from the State and County DOH, we will be notifying users of a date for the Informational Session. Please visit the Website at www.eastfishkillny.gov and follow the link for updates and any other information that becomes available.