

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## PFOA and PFOS Update Notification 1302785 Pinewood Knolls Public Water Supply

### Why are you receiving this notice/information?

You are receiving this notice because previous testing of Well 2 in our public water systems found the chemicals perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) at levels above New York State's maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) in November 2021.

We continue to monitor the water supply on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Health Department. Below includes updated sampling results. The monitoring shows levels are currently below the 10 ppt MCL.

Table 1: Pinewood Knolls Sampling Summary

Date	Well 1 PFOA (ppt)	Well 1 PFOS (ppt)	Well 2 PFOA (ppt)	Well 2 PFOS (ppt)
11/2021	7.1	8.9	8.3	<b>10.9</b>
3/2022	5.45	7.94	6.18	9.54
6/2022	4.2	5.9	4.6	7.5
9/2022	3.3	3.8	4.1	6.1
12/2022	3.8	4.1	4.4	6.2

Additional information will be shared as further testing and progress occurs. The Town continues to advance plans for an alternative water source to ensure that your drinking water will meet the MCL.

### What are the health effects of PFOA/PFOS?

The available information on the health effects associated with PFOA/PFOS, like many chemicals, comes from studies of high-level exposure in animals or humans. Less is known about the chances of health effects occurring from lower levels of exposure, such as those that might occur in drinking water. As a result, finding lower levels of chemicals in drinking water prompts water suppliers and regulators to take precautions that include notifying consumers and steps to reduce exposure.

PFOA/PFOS has caused a wide range of health effects when studied in animals that were exposed to high levels. Additional studies of high-level exposures of PFOA/PFOS in people provide evidence that some of the health effects seen in animals may also occur in humans. The most consistent findings in animals were effects on the liver and

immune system and impaired fetal growth and development. The United States Environmental Protection Agency considers PFOA/PFOS as having suggestive evidence for causing cancer based on studies of animals exposed to high levels of this chemical over their entire lifetimes.

At the level of PFOA/PFOS detected in your water, exposure from drinking water and food preparation is well below PFOA/PFOS exposures associated with health effects.

### **What is New York State doing about PFOA/PFOS in public drinking water?**

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) has adopted a drinking water regulation that requires all public water systems to test for PFOA/PFOS. If found above the MCL of 10 ppt, the water supplier must take steps to lower the level to meet the standard. Exceedances of the MCL signal that steps should be taken by the water system to reduce contaminant levels.

### **What is being done to meet the MCL?**

The Pinewood Knolls Water District is completing an interconnection project to utilize an alternate well source. The Town will be sending a separate notification regarding the project update.

### **Where can I get more information?**

For more information, please contact the Town of East Fishkill at (845) 223-5114. You can also contact the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health at (845) 486-3404.

If you have additional questions about these contaminants and your health, talk to your healthcare provider who is most familiar with your health history and can provide advice and assistance about understanding how drinking water may affect your personal health.