

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Gloucester City Has Levels of Perfluorononanoic Acid (PFNA) Above Drinking Water Standards

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 to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On February 1, 2021, we received notice that the sample collected on 12/31/20 showed that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for PFNA. The New Jersey standard for PFNA is 0.013 µg/L and is based on a running annual average (RAA). The average level of PFNA over the last year (RAA) has been 0.0146 µg/L.

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.

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, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you 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?

Gloucester City has constructed 2 Granulated Activated Carbon filters to address PFNA levels. The treatment was placed them in service on 1/14/21.

For more information, please contact the Water Dept. at 856-456-0169.

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.

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