

To: All NWWA Bulk Customers
From: Robert C. Bender, NWWA Executive Director
Date: October 26, 2016

Re: TESTING AT FOREST PARK WATER TREATMENT PLANT

This memorandum is being forwarded in keeping with our policy of periodically updating our customers about our water – especially as it relates to PFC contamination concerns.

As previously reported, the finished water at the Forest Park Water Treatment Plant (FPWTP) has been tested pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule in both 2014 and 2015. The laboratory results indicated that PFC’s were not detected.

Due to the continued reports of PFC *groundwater* (well) contamination in the region, and even though our water at Forest Park is from an entirely different (surface) water source, and not from the contaminated underground aquifer - the water being delivered from Forest Park was again tested by the NWWA in 2016 under the more stringent detection limits recently adopted by the laboratories. **Laboratory results from these additional tests also confirmed that PFC’s were not detected.**

Although PFC’s currently remain an unregulated contaminant by both EPA and the PADEP - in consideration of continued public concerns, we have recently instituted an additional “belt and suspenders” approach, including more frequent testing of both the raw water and the finished water at FPWTP on a continuing basis.

It is important to note that Forest Park has used activated carbon filtration for many years – essentially the same process that is now being considered for treatment at many contaminated wells. The above referenced filtration process, including membrane filtration, activated carbon beds, ozone treatment, and other important processes, continues to provide our customers with “state of the art” filtration assurance.

In the unlikely event that we ever experience a problem with the water being delivered to your system, we will immediately notify you. Meanwhile, please rest assured that we will always be testing and doing what is needed to provide the best water quality available.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 215-699-4836, or to visit our website at www.nwwater.com for more detailed information on our water quality.

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