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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Monitoring Requirements Not Met for City of Westfield DPW-Water Division in 2022

Our water system violated several drinking water monitoring standards last year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During July of 2022 we received an extension on total coliform monitoring follow up sampling from July 1st to July 5th, however we did not submit the results of this follow up monitoring by the applicable deadlines. Additionally, in November of 2022 we collected and submitted for analysis the required raw water PFAS6 samples at wells 7 & 8, however they were not analyzed therefore we cannot be sure of the quality of the raw water at these locations during that time. However, all required finished (treated) drinking water samples were taken and analyzed during that time and all of those results were in compliance with drinking water standards. And finally, in November of 2022 we sampled for total organic carbon as we were required to, however we did not submit those results to DEP by the appropriate deadlines.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test or report for during these events, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants and how many samples we are supposed to take, when samples should have been taken, the date on which samples were taken, when results should have been submitted, and when results were actually submitted.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were taken	When results should have been submitted	When results were submitted
Total Coliforms	1 sample at each source following a detection	July 1, 2022 extension granted to July 5, 2022	July 5, 2022	July 15, 2022	August 9, 2022
PFAS6	Monthly at each source	November 2022	December 2022	December 10, 2022	January 10, 2022
Total Organic Carbon	Quarterly at Granville Reservoir	November 2022	November 2022	January 10, 2023	May 15, 2023

What happened? What is being done?

Routine monitoring showed a total coliform positive sample on July 1st in the distribution system, which triggers follow up sampling due to the groundwater rule. Due to the holiday weekend, Westfield requested and was granted an extension on this follow up monitoring to July 5th, however although all required samples were taken and analyzed, we failed to submit the results of this follow up monitoring to DEP in a timely fashion. Sample results were submitted to DEP and showed we are meeting all drinking water standards.

Westfield is required to routinely sample for PFAS6 at various locations throughout our system. The lab that we send our samples to experienced a quality control issue in November of 2022 and required us to resubmit samples for analysis for some of our locations. We resubmitted the requested samples, however there was a miscommunication and the raw water samples for wells 7 & 8 were not analyzed. This water is filtered through our Owen District Road Water Treatment Plant before it goes into our system, and those treated or finished water samples were analyzed and showed non-detect for all PFAS6 compounds. We have since taken the required raw water samples at wells 7 & 8 and reported them to DEP, as described in the last 4 columns of the table above.

Westfield is required to routinely sample for Total Organic Carbon at our Granville Reservoir. We completed the appropriate sampling during the 4th quarter of 2022, however the results were not uploaded by the lab to the eDEP system, and therefore we did not submit them by the appropriate deadline. Once we were made aware that the results were missing, we submitted the results to DEP as described above.

For more information, please contact the DPW-Water Division at 413-572-6226 or 28 Sackett Street, Westfield, MA.

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