

NOTICE

PRESENCE OF PERFLUOROCTANE SULFONATE IN RAW GROUND WATER

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Dear City of Port Richey Water Customer:

Seven of the City's raw ground water supply wells were recently tested by the Florida Department of Health (DOH) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). One of these wells showed concentrations of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) over the US EPA's health advisory level (HAL). EPA's HALs are non-regulatory guidelines developed based on available data to assist public health official. Additional information regarding HALs and PFOA/PFQS generally can be found on the EPA's Website (<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>). PFOS is one of a class of chemicals known as per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS). These are man-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products such as food packaging, stain repellent fabrics, non-stick coatings, and firefighting foams.

It is important to note that only one well out of seven has shown slightly elevated levels in the **RAW** ground water prior to receiving any further treatment including filtration and disinfection. The well in question was placed out of service as a precaution until additional sampling could be conducted. Hence, there is no indication that the water delivered to our customers is unsafe.

This was the result of the initial sample taken for PFOS & PFAS at this well. The well has been resampled by the Department of Health and AEL Labs, and independent agency. The results of both subsequent sampling events showed PFOS & PFAS concentrations below the EPA's HAL at all our wells.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the City Utility Department at (727) 816-1900.