**Public Information Notice**

**Important Information About Your Drinking Water**

**[PWS Name] Public Water System**

**[PWS Name]** is conducting **[voluntary]** sampling for emerging contaminants in drinking water. On **[Sample Date]**, sample(s) from the **[PWS Name]** Public Water System will be collected to test drinking water for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) has recommended public water systems test for PFAS.

Wewill perform sampling at **[location(s)]** and analyze for PFAS compounds using standardized EPA Methods.When sample results are available, wewill share these results **[enter how the results will be shared].** We will also conduct follow up activities, as necessary.

**What are PFAS?**

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of thousands of man-made chemicals with many useful properties, such as repelling water and oil, preventing staining and sticking, and increasing heat resistance. PFAS are (or have been) in use since the 1940s in a wide variety of consumer products, as an ingredient in firefighting foam and in industrial processes. Some sources of PFAS releases into the air, soil, and water have been chemical manufacturing and processing facilities, fire departments and training centers, metal plating and etching industries, landfills and waste management facilities, airports, and military installations. While some PFAS have been phased out of production, these are very persistent chemicals that can remain in the environment for long periods, even after removal from the marketplace. Because of their widespread use and persistence in the environment, most people have been exposed to PFAS.

**For More Information**

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For information on PFAS, including possible health outcomes, you may visit these websites:

* Connecticut Department of Public Health Frequently Asked Questions about PFAS:

[PFAS (ct.gov)](https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/PFAS/PFAS)

* Basic information and links to additional resources: [PFAS Explained | US EPA](https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-explained)