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TO: Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems

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SUBJECT: EPA Drinking Water Health Advisory for Two Perfluorinated Compounds

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued lifetime drinking water health advisories for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) of 70 parts per trillion. PFOA and PFOS are two of the six perfluorinated compounds that all large and select small public water systems were required to monitor for under the Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3). None of these chemicals were detected in the Connecticut public water systems that were required to monitor for them. However, because of the widespread use of these chemicals and their persistence in the environment, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is working with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and Region 1 of the EPA to assess whether additional water supply testing is warranted.

The DPH will provide additional updates as more information becomes available. Please contact Pat Bisacky at 860-509-7333 or via email at Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov if you wish to discuss this Health Advisory.

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