

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## Ridge & Valley Charter School NJ2106319 Had Levels of Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a New Jersey drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did, and continue to do, to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. On 4/30/21 we received notice that the sample collected on 3/10/21 showed that our system exceeded the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for PFOS. The New Jersey standard for PFOS is 0.013 µg/L and is based on a running annual average (RAA). The average level of PFOS over the last year (RAA) has been 28 µg/L PFOS was found at 130 µg/L which will cause the RAA to exceed the MCL regardless of the next three-quarter results.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

\*However, some people who drink water containing PFOS in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their immune system, kidney, liver, or endocrine system. For females, drinking water containing PFOS in excess of the MCL over many years may cause developmental effects and problems with the immune system, liver, or endocrine system in a fetus and/or an infant. Some of these developmental effects can persist through childhood.\*

For more information refer to [https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/pfas\\_drinking%20water.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/pfas_drinking%20water.pdf).

### What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. We do not need to boil our water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

### What is being done?

Ridge & Valley Charter School had the old well pressure tank replaced. Teflon tape and Teflon sealant were used on all fittings for the well tank. Ridge & Valley Charter School did not have an issue with PFOS prior to the tank being replaced. The tape and the sealant were removed by PortaSoft. CHEMPLEX 862 was used in place of the tape and sealant. The CHEMPLEX 862 is a specially formulated grease like lubricant which is NSF 61 certified for potable water contact under both hot and cold-water conditions. The Not for Compliance sample collected on 4/13/21 the results are 4.6 µg/L which is below the MCL.

For more information, please contact Lisa Masi at (908)362-1114 or 1234 State Rt. 94 Blirstown, NJ 07825

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