

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Harriman Village Has Levels of PERFLUOROCTANESULFONIC ACID (PFOS) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a 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 are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. New York State Department of Health recently established a drinking water standard for PFOS; testing results we received for the 1st quarter of 2021 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for PFOS. The standard for PFOS is 10 ppt [MCL]. The MCL is set well below levels known or estimated to cause health effects. Consuming water with PFOS at or somewhat above the MCL does not pose a significant health risk. The average level of PFOS during the first quarter of 2021 was 12.6 ppt.

Areas of the Low Pressure System not affected include:

Harriman Farms, Brookside Drive West, Brookside Drive East, Melody Lane, Meadow Glen, Harriman Business park, Woodbury Center, and Commerce Drive.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. **You do not need to boil your water, take other corrective actions or use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. There is nothing you need to do at this time. However, PFOS has caused a range of health effects when studied in animals at high exposure levels. The most consistent findings were effects on the liver and immune system and impaired fetal growth and development. Studies of high-level exposures to PFOS in people provide evidence that some of the health effects seen in animals may also occur in humans. The United States Environmental Protection Agency considers PFOS as having suggestive evidence for causing cancer based on studies of animals exposed to high levels of PFOS over their entire lifetimes.

At the level of PFOS detected in your water, exposure from drinking water and food preparation is well below PFOS exposures associated with health effects.

What is being done?

We are currently blending sources in order to lower these levels, we will continue to collect quarterly tests as required to monitor our levels. If levels do not come down through blending, we will work with our engineers, hydrogeologists, and the Orange County Department of Health to discuss options, including treatment.

For more information, please contact Kyle Livsey, DPW Superintendent at 845-604-1079 OR the Orange County Department of Health at 845-291-2331, or the Village by mail at

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**Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

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