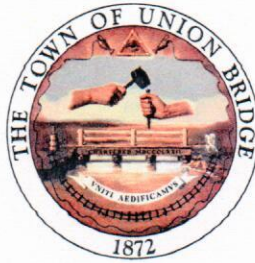


THE TOWN OF UNION BRIDGE

104 WEST LOCUST STREET
UNION BRIDGE, MD 21791-0350

PHONE 410-775-2711
FAX 410-775-1095
UNIONBR@CARR.ORG



PERRY L. JONES, JR.
MAYOR

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
DONALD D. WILSON, PRESIDENT
LAURA CONAWAY
AMY K. KALIN
CHERI THOMPSON
EDGAR WENTZ

Health Advisory Public Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Elevated Level of PFOS/PFOA

PERFLUOROOCTANE SULFONATE (PFOS) / PERFLUROOCTANOIC ACID (PFOA)

Town of Union Bridge, MD0060013

Testing results from samples taken on October 11, 2022 by the Maryland Department of the Environment in one of our drinking water wells detected elevated levels of PFOS/PFOA. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

Testing results from samples taken on October 11, 2022 by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) show an elevated level of PFOS/PFOA at the Town's water treatment plant for the Town Hall Wells 1 & 3. PFOS/PFOA detections found were 20.48 ppt (PFOS= 16.7 ppt; PFOA= 3.78 ppt).

What should I do?

- There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.
- 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 does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, exposure to PFOS and PFOA over certain levels may result in adverse health effects, including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy or to breastfed infants (e.g., low birth weight, accelerated puberty, skeletal variations), cancer (e.g., testicular, kidney), liver effects (e.g., tissue damage), immune effects (e.g., antibody production and immunity), thyroid effects and other effects (e.g., cholesterol changes). The EPA calculates Health Advisory levels to offer a margin of protection against adverse health effects to the most sensitive populations: fetuses during pregnancy and breastfed infants.

What are PFOS and PFOA?

PFOS and PFOA are chemicals that are part of a larger group referred to as perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These chemicals are manmade and do not occur naturally in the environment. Due to the fact that these chemicals have been used in a number of consumer products and industrial applications for decades, most people have been exposed to them throughout their lifetime. The chemical stability of PFOS and PFOA also makes them very persistent in the environment.

What is being done?

To remain protective of our customer's health, we will continue to monitor and sample our drinking water sources on a regular basis. The Town is also seeking assistance from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to further evaluate the water supply and is researching options which may include additional treatment of the water beyond the current level.

For more information, please contact Dawn Metcalf at 410-775-2711 or 104 West Locust Street, Union Bridge, MD 21791.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (e.g., 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.

This notice is being sent to you by the Town of Union Bridge, MD0060013

Date distributed: 12/1/2022.