



Horsham Township Water Update – July 18, 2016



Horsham Township Seeks Residents to Participate in Tap Water Testing in Homes

Horsham Township Council and the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority (HWSA) announced today they have arranged for independent third-party testing of tap water in a representative sampling of approximately 100 homes across the township, and are seeking resident volunteers who are interested in having their home's water tested.

The testing is being conducted as part of the Township's remediation plan to address the levels of perfluorochemicals (PFCs) found in Horsham's water supply, a result of U.S. Department of Defense activities on the Naval Air Base in Willow Grove. Test results, which will be made publicly available this fall, are expected to show that levels of perfluorochemicals (PFCs) in resident tap water are well below the new EPA Lifetime Health Advisory of 70 parts per trillion (ppt).

To ensure a representative sample for the testing, Horsham Township seeks volunteers in neighborhoods across the Township. Final participants will be made on a first-come, first-served basis, while also striving to ensure a fair representation of neighborhoods. Residents who are selected to participate in the testing will be notified within two weeks.

Residents wishing to volunteer should call the Horsham Township Water Hotline (215-907-0034) or email water@horsham.org with the following information by Monday, July 25:

- Full name
- Address
- Phone number
- Email address
- Neighborhood (if applicable)

A third-party collection company, [Private Utility Enterprises, Inc.](#), will contact participants and make arrangements to collect a water sample from their home at a time that is convenient to the resident, including evenings and weekends. The sample collection should take approximately 15-30 minutes. The samples will then be sent to [Eurofins QC](#) for testing.

Separate testing of Horsham's public water supplies has shown that all water provided by HWSA currently meets or exceeds all DEP and EPA drinking water quality standards. The additional testing of resident tap water is being conducted proactively by Horsham Township to further demonstrate the safety of public water.

In late June, Horsham Township Council elected to implement a remediation plan that is expected to bring average PFC concentration levels in the Township's water system to less than one ppt by the end of 2016.

More information on water quality concerns can be found at horshamwater-sewer.com and on Horsham Township's website, horsham.org.

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