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Dear Neighbor:

We write today with an important update about Horsham Township's drinking water. As most of you know, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) establishes national standards for water quality. Last week, EPA modified its health advisory for PFCs. PFCs are substances used by the U.S. Navy in fire-fighting activities on the Naval Air Base and which were detected in our groundwater in 2014. When the new EPA health advisory was published, the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority (HWSA) immediately acted to insure that the public water supplied to Horsham residents was well below the EPA advisory.

We recognize and respect that many of you are concerned with the safety of our water supply. We spoke with many of you regarding the information and events of the past several days and deeply appreciate the honest and helpful feedback you have provided. As Council members, we are also residents of this community, and we share your concern. We are steadfast in our resolve to address the concerns of our residents. Your health and safety is our utmost priority. You have our commitment to provide factual, up-to-date information and share the steps that we, in collaboration with HWSA, have taken to address water quality in our community. Council's emphasis in future communications will be on water quality and education.

First, we want to reassure customers of the HWSA that your water meets or exceeds all state and federal drinking water quality standards, including the more rigorous standards introduced by EPA last week. All active wells show PFC levels significantly below the new EPA lifetime health advisory. We are actively addressing remediation of the wells taken out of service and expect that at least two wells will be operational, with carbon filters, by the end of the year. For more information about the new standards and the actions taken by the Horsham Sewer and Water Authority to ensure compliance with EPA standards, visit our Horsham Township website at www.horsham.org.

Second, Council and the HWSA are committed to providing ongoing, frequent updates to our residents regarding our drinking water. We have set up a designated e-mail: water@horsham.org to address specific questions and concerns regarding your water supply. We invite you to contact us directly using that e-mail, and we will promptly respond to your e-mail. We will continue to post updated information to www.horsham.org. You can also sign up to receive email communications from us regarding this matter by emailing water@horsham.org with the subject line "SUBSCRIBE."

We ask that residents with private wells contact the Township directly at water@horsham.org for updates specific to their water supply.

We want to express our gratitude for the patience and support you have provided us as we work to protect the residents of our community. It is a great privilege to serve residents who rise to challenges such as these and step up to work together to safeguard and help one another.

Sincerely,
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