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Dear Residents and Water Consumers,

In August 2023, the Borough sent out a notice informing residents and water consumers that the Borough's Water Utility had detected a Running Annual Average level of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) at 17 parts per trillion at one of the locations where water enters our system (i.e.,Denville Wellfield Treatment Plant, TP002004), specifically Well #4. This level is above the New Jersey drinking water standard of 14 parts per trillion. In response, the Borough shut down Well #4 and is in the process of developing a remediation plan in conjunction with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to resolve the issue so Well #4 can be returned to service.

How is this affecting the quality of my drinking water?
Well 4 has temporarily taken out of service on May 25, 2023 and will not be put back into service until treatment is installed to address the PFOA levels. While the Borough has temporarily removed the affected source from service, I encourage you to review all available information and speak with your healthcare provider if you have a specific concern.

Is this affecting water availability in Mountain Lakes?
No, the Borough's other wells are sufficient to meet the Borough's water needs while Well #4 is shut down pending remediation.

Are other towns in NJ affected by PFOA?
Yes, other NJ towns are affected. Those that are affected must send similar notices to their residents.

Why am I receiving another letter about this issue?
As a regulated water utility, in accordance with NJDEP requirements, the Borough's water system will be sending the attached notice to water consumers once per year. The Borough's water system will also update its website (https://mountainlakes.gov/departments/department-of-public-works/water-quality-test-results-perfluorinated-chemicals/) every three months until the issue with Well #4 is remediated. It will take a year or more for this work to be completed, so you can expect to receive additional letters from the Borough on this topic.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Stern
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