

## A Message from The Honorable Charles J. Sauter, Mayor, Borough of Bellmawr

### **Bellmawr Water Department Has Discovered Levels of Perfluorononanoic (PFNA) Above Drinking Water Standards**

Our water system recently violated a New Jersey 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. On 09/26/2019, we received notice that the sample collected on 08/13/2019 showed that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for PFNA. The New Jersey standard for PFNA is 0.013 µg/L. The average level of PFNA over the last year has been 0.019 µg/L.

#### **What is being done?**

The Borough of Bellmawr is serviced by two (2) separate and distinct water treatment facilities, Warren Avenue and Leaf & Bell which supply water to the residents of the Borough. The average level of PFNA over the last year has been 0.019 µg/L Warren Avenue facility only. The Leaf & Bell facility was below NJDEP standards. In light of the aforementioned, out of an abundance of caution, the Borough has ordered the Warren Avenue facility be shut down until further testing is completed and a permanent solution can be implemented. All Borough residents will be receiving water treated at the Leaf & Bell treatment facility until the presence of PFNA at the Warren Avenue treatment facility has been brought into compliance with NJDEP standards. Your water service will be uninterrupted as a result of this, and you will notice no difference in the water service provided. We anticipate resolving this matter as soon as possible and will keep you apprised of any updated information and anticipated time for resolution as it becomes available.

#### **What should I do?**

- There is nothing you need to do. **You do not need to boil your water or** take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- 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 emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified within 24 hours. However, some people who drink water containing PFNA in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their liver; kidney; immune system; or, in males, reproductive system. For females, drinking water containing PFNA in excess of the MCL over many years may cause developmental delays in a fetus and or infant.

For more information please contact Borough Clerk, Francine M. Wright, 856-933-1313 ext. 1209.

*\*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.\**

This notice is being sent to you by Bellmawr Water Department.

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