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SMCMUA Reports on Drinking Water PFAS Monitoring Results

(Cedar Knolls, NJ) — The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (SMCMUA or Authority), which provides water for Greater Morristown is reporting on drinking water PFAS monitoring results. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, referred to collectively as PFAS, are manmade compounds used in the manufacture of stain, oil and water-resistant consumer products. PFAS compounds are found in products such as firefighting foams, cleaners, cosmetics, paints, adhesives and insecticides; have been found to be persistent in the environment because they are not rapidly degraded by natural processes; and have been identified as prevalent in drinking water sources raising concerns about the possibility of adverse health impacts to consumers.

In 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) required SMCMUA, and other public water systems nationwide, to collect samples for certain PFAS as part of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3). The nationwide UCMR3 monitoring results will be utilized as input to the USEPA's regulatory setting process where no Federal regulatory standards have been established as of the date of this notice. USEPA did establish a health advisory of 70 parts per trillion for the combined results of perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). In September 2018, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) adopted a regulatory standard for perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) at a level of 13 parts per trillion and is considering establishing regulatory standards for both PFOS and PFOA.

In 2014, SMCMUA established a routine PFAS monitoring program, prior to UCMR3, for all owned and purchased water supplies. Data collected to date demonstrate very low-level detections of the NJDEP regulated PFNA contaminant where all values were at or slightly above the detection limit and below the regulatory standard. Results for PFOA and PFOS demonstrated values well below the USEPA's health advisory level for these contaminants.

Our Commitment. The Authority is committed to providing superior quality water that exceeds the standards established by the USEPA and the NJDEP. We encourage members of our community to contact us directly and to visit our website for additional information on our water quality, including our annual consumer confidence reports. Contact our Customer Service Division for information about testing for lead in drinking water in your home.

Point of Use Devices. If you are considering purchasing a water filter or other home treatment device, we encourage you to make a fully informed decision.

- Contact us or visit our website to see our latest report on water quality.
- If you decide to purchase a water filter, make sure it is certified to address the issue of concern to you. NSF International is an independent organization that certifies home treatment devices.
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to make sure the device is maintained properly.

CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE: Consumers can report non-emergency questions or concerns to our Customer Service Division at 973-326-6880 or customerservice@smcmua.org. Emergency conditions should be reported directly to 973-326-6880 during normal business hours and 973-867-1758 for after hour emergencies. Additional information is available on our website at www.smcmua.org.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION: SMCMUA requests that account holders maintain current contact information to aid in communications for billing, service and for emergency purposes. Contact Customer Service to confirm your account information is accurate.

REGISTER FOR CITIZEN ALERTS: SMCMUA requests that all consumers who live and/or work in the service area register to receive community and water alerts through the Morris County **Alert** Morris **Smart911™ Notification System**. Registration can be completed at <https://oem.morriscountynj.gov/alerts> or on our website at www.smcmua.org under the “**REGISTER FOR CITIZEN ALERTS**” icon. Registering will better ensure the timely receipt of emergency notices associated with community and water supply, quality or other important alerts from SMCMUA. If you do not have access to a computer please ask a relative, friend or neighbor to register for you.

SMCMUA was established in December of 1976. SMCMUA provides drinking water to approximately 62,000 consumers in Morris County. The SMCMUA creating municipalities are the Town of Morristown, the Township of Morris, the Township of Hanover and the Borough of Morris Plains.