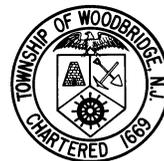


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MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAYORS ANNOUNCE OVERSIGHT ACTION TO ADDRESS MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY PFOA DRINKING WATER NOTICE OF EXCEEDANCE

Woodbridge Twsp. - Woodbridge Township Mayor John E. McCormac, Metuchen Mayor Jonathan Busch, South Plainfield Mayor Matthew P. Anesh, and Edison Mayor Thomas Lankey today announced that they have retained an environmental consultant to review the Notice of Exceedance issued by Middlesex Water Company (MWC) to residents of their respective towns.

After reviewing information provided by Middlesex Water Company, which reported that their system is in violation of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) standard for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA), the Mayors collectively determined to retain T&M Associates, a leading national consulting, environmental, engineering, technical services and construction management company. Additionally, the Mayors are exploring the possibility of retaining legal counsel to further review the actions being implemented by MWC to comply with federal and state safe drinking water standards to protect the public health, welfare and safety of residential MWC consumers.

"Metuchen residents are understandably very concerned about this issue. By collaborating with other municipalities whose residents have also been impacted, we can better explore and understand the impact of the contaminants," said Metuchen Mayor Jonathan Busch.

"Middlesex Water Company's notification of Perfluorooctanoic Acid exceedance of New Jersey drinking water standards is very concerning," said South Plainfield Mayor Matthew P. Anesh. "Since notification of the exceedance, the Borough has been in contact with the NJDEP, and our neighboring municipalities to evaluate the extent of Middlesex Water's exceedance problems and what it means to our residents. We are committed to supporting the NJDEP in their efforts to monitor the progress by Middlesex Water Company to bring their system into compliance as soon as possible and ensuring our residents are provided with safe water which poses no health risks."

"As the Mayor of the Township of Edison, and as an impacted resident of one of the affected neighborhoods, I share the concerns of my fellow Mayors. This matter requires the guidance and assistance of experts. In joining with our neighboring communities, we will be engaging engineers who are specialists in these matters. Through their expertise, they will guide us in protecting our residents and business community," said Edison Mayor Thomas Lankey.

Mayor John E. McCormac noted, "It is extremely important that we, as the Mayors of the communities impacted by this announcement, combine resources and retain the best independent experts to guide us forward as we work to ensure that our drinking water supply comports with all federal and state standards. It makes good sense to work together instead of separately as we undertake any and all actions necessary to ensure that MWC moves swiftly to protect the health and safety of our residents."

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