

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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*Este relatório contém informações importantes sobre a água potável. Ter alguém que traduzi-lo você, ou falar com alguém que entende-lo.*

### The Milford Water Department located in Milford, Massachusetts had levels of PFAS6 above the Drinking Water Standard

#### ***What happened?***

Our water system received notification of PFAS6 results showing that **our system violated the 20 ng/L PFAS6 Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) drinking water standard during the January – March 2025 quarterly compliance period with an average of 23 ng/L from our Godfrey Brook Water Treatment Plant.** This facility was removed from service on February 24, 2025, and will remain offline until the treatment plant is upgraded to removed PFAS6 below the MCL.

#### ***What does this mean?***

**This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.** Although this is not an emergency, as a consumer of the water, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did and are doing to correct this situation.

On October 2, 2020, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) issued a new drinking water regulation setting a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 20 nanograms per liter (ng/L) for the sum of six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (called PFAS6). An MCL is the maximum permissible level of a contaminant in water which is delivered to any user of a public water system.

<b>PFAS6 Results for Godfrey Brook WTP</b>					
<b>Quarterly Compliance Period</b>	<b>Monitoring Period</b>	<b>Sample Collection Date</b>	<b>PFAS6 Result (ng/L)</b>	<b>Quarterly Average (ng/L)</b>	<b>PFAS6 MCL (ng/L)</b>
Quarter 1, 2025	Month 1	1/7/2025	21.6	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>
	Month 2	2/4/2025	25.2		
	Month 3	---	---		

Samples collected on January 7, 2025, and February 4, 2025, reported PFAS6 levels of 21.6 ng/L and 25.2 ng/L respectively. Compliance with the PFAS6 MCL is calculated as a quarterly average based upon the total number of samples collected during the compliance period. As the plant was removed from service for the remainder of the quarter, the two samples collected in January and February were used to determine the quarterly average. The location where elevated levels PFAS6 was reported is one of two treatment plants that supplies drinking water to our system. **PFAS6 levels are below the MCL at the other location.**

***Some people who drink water containing PFAS6 in excess of the MCL may experience certain adverse effects. These could include effects on the liver, blood, immune system, thyroid, and fetal development. These PFAS6 may also elevate the risk of certain cancers.*** For more information on PFAS, see the links below.

#### ***What is PFAS6?***

PFAS6 includes perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA) and perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA). PFAS are man-made chemicals that have been used in the manufacturing of certain fire-fighting foams, moisture and stain resistant products, and other industrial processes.

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

- You do not need to do anything at this time because the sources with elevated PFAS6 have been removed from service.
- If you have specific health concerns regarding your past exposure, you should see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's link below and consult a health professional, such as your doctor.
- Consumers in a sensitive subgroup (pregnant or nursing women, infants and people diagnosed by their health care provider to have a compromised immune system) are advised not to consume, drink, or cook with water when the level of PFAS6 is above 20 ng/L. For more information on PFAS6 see links below.

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

Our water system has taken the following pro-active measures, on February 24, 2025:

- The Godfrey Brook Water Treatment Plant and its associated sources have been removed from service and will remain off-line until treatment has been upgraded to remove PFAS below the MCL.
- We have contracted with an engineering firm to conduct testing of various treatment processes.
- We are looking into various funding options for the design and construction of the additional treatment needed for the removal of PFAS below the MCL.
- We will continue to sample our water sources for PFAS.
- When additional information becomes available, this public notice will be updated.

### **Where can I get more information?**

For more information, please contact David Condrey at 508-473-5110 or by email at [dcondrey@milfordwater.com](mailto:dcondrey@milfordwater.com). Additionally, on our website at <https://www.milfordwater.com>.

If you have questions about your water system's operation, water quality monitoring, or response to this issue, please contact the system operator directly. If you have questions about the drinking water regulations or health risks posed by this contaminant you can contact the MassDEP Drinking Water Program at: [program.director-dwp@mass.gov](mailto:program.director-dwp@mass.gov) or (617) 292-5770. If you have questions about specific symptoms, you can contact your doctor or other health care provider. If you have general questions about public health, you can contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at 617-624-5757.

Additional information can be found in the **attached factsheet** and weblinks listed below.

- **MassDEP Fact Sheet – Questions and Answers for Consumers**  
<https://www.mass.gov/media/1854351>
- **CDC ATSDR Information on PFAS for consumers and health professionals**  
<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/index.html>
- **Massachusetts Department of Public Health information about PFAS in Drinking Water -**  
<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas-in-drinking-water>

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***Please share this information with 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).***