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US EPA PROPOSES ADDING THE EAST BASIN ROAD GROUNDWATER SITE IN NEW CASTLE TO THE SUPERFUND NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST

On September 9, 2022 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) proposed adding the East Basin Road Groundwater Site in New Castle to their Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is the list of hazardous waste sites in the United States eligible for cleanup, financed under the Federal Superfund Program.

The US EPA and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) conducted an extensive site investigation of potential sources contributing to the groundwater contamination found in 11 drinking water supply wells including 4 owned and operated by the Municipal Services Commission (MSC). The contaminants including Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are coming from numerous public and private facilities located in and around the Wilmington Airport, also known as the New Castle County Airport including the Air National Guard Base.

In 2014, the MSC installed a Granular Activated Carbon Filtration System to remove the PFAS Compounds perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) from the drinking water supplied to our customers. MSC's drinking water meets all current Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Standards including Standards currently proposed by the State of Delaware Division of Public Health and DNREC for PFOA and PFOS.

Attached is the EPA Fact Sheet about the East Basin Road Groundwater Site. Additional information about the proposal and Superfund Sites can be found at:

<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/eastbasin>

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During the next week, you will receive mail from the US EPA containing additional information regarding EPA's Proposal, public and virtual meetings, and how to forward comments on the proposal.

MSC will continue working with the EPA and all Federal and State agencies to ensure the City's drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State of Delaware drinking standards. Anyone with questions should feel free to contact the City of New Castle Municipal Services Commission at 323-2330.