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LETTER REGARDING THE WATER QUALITY ISSUES CONCERNING PFOS AND PFOA (PFCS) BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED AT THE FORMER WILLOW GROVE AND NAWC WARMINSTER PA
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Water & Sewer Services

August 23, 2016

Dear Warminster Township Municipal Authority Customer:

WTMA has previously communicated the water quality issues concerning PFOS and PFOA (PFCs) believed to have originated at the former NAWC Base and the Willow Grove Base. The contamination was likely caused by the Navy and we believe the Navy should be responsible for replacement water costs which have now caused an increase in WTMA rates.

WTMA, along with our legal team, are working to have the Navy reimburse WTMA for the increased costs. There is no assurance that the Navy will be legally compelled to reimburse WTMA for the increased costs. The Navy has been very cooperative reimbursing WTMA certain costs; however, the Navy is currently paying only for costs associated with wells testing over the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Health Advisory Limit (HAL). All WTMA wells contain PFCs at varying levels.

Unfortunately, WTMA must raise rates to cover our immediate increase in costs associated with obtaining safe, high quality drinking water from the Forrest Park Water Treatment Facility, and reduce our dependence on our wells. Forest Park is a state-of-the-art water treatment facility with no known PFCs. We believe this step to be in the best interest of your health.

Beginning with our October billings, the water usage charge will increase from $2.89 per one thousand gallons to $4.96 per one thousand gallons. The sewer usage charge per one thousand gallons will remain the same. The average residential user (15,000 gallons per quarter) will see an increase of $31.05 per quarter or $10.35 per month.

We encourage you to contact the offices of Senators Bob Casey Jr. and Pat Toomey, Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick's office, along with our state Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf and Representative, Bernie O'Neill for their assistance in having the Navy reimburse all PFC related costs. Please note that WTMA has been very proactive and has taken the lead in our area addressing remediation efforts for PFCs in our drinking water. Thank you for your understanding and if at any time you have questions regarding your bill or have PFC concerns, please call our office at 215-675-3301, ext. 201.

Sincerely,

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