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Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 11:45 AM
To: ParrDoering, Ellen
Subject: RE: "Hazardous water"

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Hi Ellen,

Thank you so much for this response! Hopefully I can start to capture some of this in a fear-quelling, informative summary about testing your water for safe drinking. I will keep you in the loop with this if I go anywhere with it.

It think getting the MSDSs will shed some light. Are there any other potential contaminants that come to mind offhand that you would be concerned about?

Thanks,

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So if they are on the public water system, they should contact the owner or operator. Community water systems monitor for over 90 contaminants, and the latest results must be reported every year by July 1st in the water system's Consumer Confidence Report. There is also data out on VDH's and our website.

Private wells are not required to be tested of course, but we encourage sampling for the following:

Inorganics (includes uranium, lead, arsenic among other things)
Total coliform (shows if your septic system is impacting your well, or if surface water is running into the well in some way)
Nitrate (shows if nearby agriculture or your septic system is impacting your well)

There are more expensive tests for organic chemicals, but they are expensive and really only need to be used if 1) your water smells or tastes "like gasoline" or 2) there is a nearby source of potential contamination. Like in Pownal ☹

I would certainly be asking whether PFOA was the only contaminant associated with Warren Wire, if I lived there, so I appreciate their concern. Would MSDSs shed any light?

The Drinking Water Watch, for info, is here –

https://anrnode.anr.state.vt.us/DWW/

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Hi Ellen,

I've been getting this question a lot from residents: *How can I find out if there is anything else hazardous in my water?*

Obviously, PFOA and PFOS are members of a long list of emergent chemicals of concern that are not generally tested for in drinking water sampling. And testing for "anything hazardous" in a water supply is near impossible.

Do you have a typical way of framing what people should really be concerned about in their drinking water? I appreciate your insight/perspective on this, and/or a couple sentences you can provide. This will help build our messaging going forward.

If there is a 1-pager out there that explains the gist of drinking water standards, what is normally tested for, etc., please also let me know.

Thanks,
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