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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

Reassessment of Previously Sampled Private Water Supply Wells Across the State

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), will soon begin a reassessment of private water supply wells that were previously sampled for per and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS). Certain wells in the State have been previously tested due to a concern for impact by a suspected source of PFAS. Based upon the newly promulgated maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for PFOA and PFOS of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) each for public water supplies, these levels are now being used by DOH to assess the need for mitigation for private wells.

Reassessment Plan: The plan to be implemented by DEC requires that all previously sampled wells that contained 5 ppt or higher of PFOA or PFOS, be reviewed to determine whether the well should be: 1) resampled to document current water quality or, 2) mitigated without resampling due to recent sampling which documented an elevated MCL exceedance.

There are approximately 370 wells that will be reassessed across the state. Those property owners affected will be receiving letters requesting that they allow their well water to be resampled based on when the well water was last sampled and/or if more recent sampling occurred, that mitigation be provided (e.g., provision of bottled water, a filter system, or in some limited cases, a water line connection.) Sampling will be conducted by representatives for DEC or the party responsible for the suspected source or, in some cases, by the County Health Department.

Next Steps: Information collected as a result of the resampling will be provided to DOH who will determine whether any further action is necessary at this time for each well. Follow up actions include resampling, mitigation, or a determination that no further action is necessary. The homeowner will be sent a letter detailing the results and recommended next actions. DEC or a remedial party will follow up on those actions. The sampling and any actions needed to address exposure will be conducted at no cost to the property owner.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

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