

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER\*\***

#### Do Not Drink the Water at Craftsbury Fire District 2 due to Elevated levels of PFAS in your drinking water

The standard for the combination of five PFAS: PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid), PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid), PFHxS (perfluorohexane sulfonic acid), PFHpA (perfluoroheptanoic acid) and PFNA (perfluorononanoic acid) is 20 nanograms per liter (ng/L). That means the sum of the five PFAS levels must not exceed 20 ng/L in your drinking water. Routine water quality monitoring samples collected from the Craftsbury Fire District 2 Water System WSID#5194 indicate that water being served contains PFAS above the drinking water standard. As of Fourth Quarter 2022 the combined level of the five regulated PFAS was **17 ng/L**. Results remain variable based on well usage.

As water system users, you have a right to know what you should do, what this means, and what is being done to correct this situation. Due to the potential for impact to human health, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has required the Water System to provide this Do Not Drink notice to all users of the water system.

This **DO NOT DRINK NOTICE** remains in effect until further notice.

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

- DO NOT DRINK THE WATER. Do NOT use the water for drinking or cooking, brushing teeth, making ice cubes, making baby formula, washing fruits and vegetables, or any other consumptive use.
- Use another source of water for consumption which may include bottled water.
- Water may be used for other uses when you don't swallow the water, such as showering, bathing, or washing clothes or dishes. Try to limit the amount of water children swallow while bathing.
- Do NOT use water containing the five PFAS over 20 ng/L to water your garden. The PFAS could be taken up by the vegetables.
- DO NOT BOIL THE WATER. Boiling the water will not remove PFAS and may concentrate them.
- If you have specific health concerns, contact your health care professional.

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

PFAS is a group of chemicals that may affect different systems in the body. Although more research is needed, some studies in people have shown that these chemicals may affect growth, learning, and behavior in babies and children; lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant; interfere with the body's natural hormones; increase cholesterol levels; affect the immune system; and increase the risk of cancer. These health effects may be the same for pets. If you are concerned, you can give your pet bottled water or water from a known safe source.

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

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- CFD2's water supply exceeded the state MCL for PFAS substances and has been under a Do Not Drink Order since December 28, 2021. Meanwhile, bottled water is being delivered weekly for customers' use to two locations - Sterling College and the United Church of Craftsbury.

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- In consultation with and under the guidance of Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation, CFD2 and its consultant engineering firm DuBois & King have been working diligently to develop a new water source. In 2022, two new wells were drilled, both free of PFAS, but had insufficient yield to meet need. CFD2 is in the process of securing an access agreement with landowners to drill a third well in the next month or as soon as weather permits. The Do Not Drink Order has been and remains in effect until further notice.

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For questions about the health effects of PFAS visit [www.healthvermont.gov/water/pfas](http://www.healthvermont.gov/water/pfas) or call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-439-8550.

Additional information is also available at <https://dec.vermont.gov/water/drinking-water/water-quality-monitoring/pfas>.

For more information from the water system, contact Gina Campoli at 802-793-1822 or [ginacampoli@gmail.com](mailto:ginacampoli@gmail.com).

*Please share this information with all the 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). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

CERTIFICATION (WSID 5194) Craftsbury Fire District 2

Method(s) of Distribution: email and/or direct hand delivery Date Distributed: 2/7/2023  
(e.g. hand or direct delivery, posting, television, radio)

I Christina Finkelstein (print name) Certify, as the Responsible Person (or authorized representative) of the water system listed above that this public notice has been provided to customers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Chapter 21, Subchapter 21-10).

Signature: Christina Finkelstein Date: 2/7/2023

*Within 10 days of issuance of public notice, send a copy of the notice to:  
VT-DEC, Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, 1 National Life Drive – Davis 4, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521*

1 - Community Water Systems may use posting as a second method, but must also use radio, television, or hand or direct delivery.