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## PRESS RELEASE

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PITTSBORO TOWN MANAGER CHRIS KENNEDY

### **UPDATE #2: CITY OF GREENSBORO 1,4 DIOXANE DISCHARGE, POTENTIALLY IMPACTING PITTSBORO'S PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM**

The Town of Pittsboro is now in receipt of the results from the raw water and finished water samples taken by Town staff from July 1, 2021 through July 6, 2021. For reference purposes, the EPA's Drinking Water Health Advisory Level of 35 ug/L based on a 1 in 10,000 cancer risk for lifetime exposure.

July 1, 2021 – Raw Water – Haw River Intake – **< 1 or non-detect**  
July 2, 2021 – Raw Water – Haw River Intake – **< 1 or non-detect** (Bottle A)<sup>1</sup>  
July 2, 2021 – Raw Water – Haw River Intake – **76.5 ug/L** (Bottle B)<sup>1</sup>  
July 3, 2021 – Raw Water – Haw River Intake – **2.46 ug/L**  
July 4, 2021 – Raw Water – Haw River Intake – **38.2 ug/L**  
July 5, 2021 – Raw Water – Haw River Intake – **43.7 ug/L**

July 2, 2021 – Finished Water<sup>2</sup> – Chatham Forest Tank – **< 1 or non-detect**  
July 2, 2021 – Finished Water<sup>2</sup> – Million Gallon Tank – **1.23 ug/L**  
July 2, 2021 – Finished Water<sup>2</sup> – Horton Tank – **1.06 ug/L**  
July 6, 2021 – Finished Water<sup>2</sup> – Chatham Forest tank – **5.56 ug/L**  
July 6, 2021 – Finished Water<sup>2</sup> – Million Gallon Tank – **4.80 ug/L**  
July 6, 2021 – Finished Water<sup>2</sup> - Horton Tank – **1.28 ug/L**

<sup>1</sup> Two bottles were collected to determine when the 1,4 dioxane from Greensboro was approximately anticipated to reach the Pittsboro Raw Water Intake on the Haw River.

<sup>2</sup> The finished water samples are a composite of the every hour sampling conducted by Town staff.

While we are encouraged by these numbers, Town staff continues to sample and will do so until we see levels in a non-detect state for an extended period. The Town anticipates that the next series of sample results will become available later this week. Town staff is confident that these levels will continue to diminish to a level of non-detect in the coming days. We remain confident that our water is safe for consumption and use in both residential and commercial applications, and we will continue to keep our customers up to date with the latest information.

There remains much work to do, but I would like to thank a dedicated staff that has worked tirelessly in the plant operation to mitigate the levels of 1,4 dioxane in our drinking water. Beyond the plant operations, Town staff has worked with our State and municipal counterparts, with industry experts, repeatedly taken and delivered samples to our nearby testing labs, and responded to numerous phone calls and emails from our customers. I also wish to thank the team at Chatham County, particularly Chatham County Emergency Management and the Chatham County Department of Health for their assistance and their fielding of calls on our behalf. We ask that calls and emails be directed to the Town of Pittsboro and we strive to respond as soon as we are able.

We, again, thank our customers for their patience and are encouraged by the results of the sampling listed above.



Chris Kennedy  
Town of Pittsboro Town Manager