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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**UPDATE #6: CITY OF GREENSBORO 1,4 DIOXANE DISCHARGE,  
IMPACTING PITTSBORO'S  
PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM**

The Town Board of Commissioners held a Special Session of the Board via Zoom on Tuesday, July 20 at 5:30pm to discuss the Town's understanding of the issue to date and the Town's response moving forward. The Board of Commissioners will be holding another Special Session of the Board on Wednesday, August 18 at 5:30pm via Zoom to continue the dialogue, to allow Town staff to provide a briefing of the latest information and to respond to and solicit additional public comment. The Town is now collecting public comments from our customers regarding their water quality concerns and questions. Written comments may be directed to Town Clerk Cassandra Bullock via email [cbullock@pittsboronc.gov]. The Zoom link for the Special Session on August 18, 2021 will be available on the Town's website, pittsboronc.gov, closer to the meeting date.

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 21, 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. As expected, as we become further removed from the contamination event, we are seeing levels steadily decrease closer to non-detect, < 1.0 ug/L.

Pittsboro Sample Location	Date	1,4 Dioxane Result
Raw Composite	July 14, 2021	2.44 ug/L
Raw Composite	July 15, 2021	1.95 ug/L
Raw Composite	July 16, 2021	2.04 ug/L
Raw Composite	July 17, 2021	2.71 ug/L
Raw Composite	July 18, 2021	1.26 ug/L
Raw Composite	July 19, 2021	2.30 ug/L
Raw Composite	July 20, 2021	<1.0 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	July 14, 2021	1.89 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	July 15, 2021	2.03 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	July 16, 2021	1.94 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	July 17, 2021	2.10 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	July 18, 2021	2.36 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	July 19, 2021	1.75 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	July 20, 2021	1.83 ug/L
Finish – Chatham Forest Grab	July 16, 2021	2.80 ug/L
Finish – Chatham Forest Grab	July 19, 2021	2.09 ug/L
Finish – Chatham Forest Grab	July 21, 2021	1.57 ug/L

Finish – Horton Tank Grab	July 16, 2021	8.50 ug/L
Finish – Horton Tank Grab	July 19, 2021	6.89 ug/L
Finish – Horton Tank Grab	July 21, 2021	7.70 ug/L
Finish – 1.0M Tank Grab	July 16, 2021	9.60 ug/L
Finish – 1.0M Tank Grab	July 19, 2021	6.04 ug/L
Finish – 1.0M Tank Grab	July 21, 2021	6.06 ug/L

For further information about 1,4 dioxane, the federal EPA has a number of helpful resources to advise our customers. Please see link below and the document attached with Update #3.

<https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluation-14-dioxane>

We, again, thank our customers for their patience and understanding as we work with the City of Greensboro and NCDEQ on remediating this 1,4 dioxane contamination to Pittsboro's drinking water.



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