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PITTSBORO TOWN MANAGER CHRIS KENNEDY

UPDATE #8: CITY OF GREENSBORO 1,4 DIOXANE DISCHARGE, IMPACTING PITTSBORO'S PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

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 August 4, 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. We are excited to see consistent non-detect, < 1.0 ug/L, levels restored in the raw and finished water samples.

Now that we have experienced back-to-back weeks of non-detect in our raw and finished water, regular sampling for this event will cease and sampling conducted by the Town of Pittsboro will return to an as-needed basis. Sampling may still be conducted by other entities/parties and despite a discontinuance of sampling conducted by the Town, the Town will continue to advocate on behalf of our customers and work with the State and Greensboro to determine the sources of this contamination discharge and the potential inclusion of additional measures to ensure a future contamination discharge event does not occur.

Pittsboro Sample Location	Date	1,4 Dioxane Result
Raw Composite	July 26, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Raw Composite	July 27, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Raw Composite	July 28, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Raw Composite	July 29, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Raw Composite	July 30, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Raw Composite	July 31, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Raw Composite	August 1, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Raw Composite	August 2, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Raw Composite	August 3, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)

Finished (At Plant)	July 26, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Finished (At Plant)	July 27, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
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Finished (At Plant)	August 3, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Finish – Chatham Forest Grab	August 4, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Finish – Horton Tank Grab	August 4, 2021	<1.0 ug/L (non-detect)
Finish – 1.0M Tank Grab	August 4, 2021	1.03 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.

Chris Kennedy
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