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

The Town of Pittsboro is now in receipt of the raw water and finished water sample results taken by Town staff through November 10, 2021. The latest results are highlighted in the chart below. 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.

The Town also encourages our customers to consult the EPA’s Technical Fact Sheet for 1,4 dioxane for additional guidance and resources, please see the link below:

[https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2014-03/documents/ffrro\\_factsheet\\_contaminant\\_14-dioxane\\_january2014\\_final.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2014-03/documents/ffrro_factsheet_contaminant_14-dioxane_january2014_final.pdf)

Pittsboro Sample Location	Date	1,4 Dioxane Result
Raw Grab	November 8, 2021	<1.00 ug/L
Raw Grab	November 9, 2021	1.11 ug/L
Raw Grab	November 10, 2021	1.99 ug/L
Raw Composite	November 3 - 8, 2021	1.07 ug/L
Raw Composite	November 10, 2021	1.18 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	November 8, 2021	<1.00 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	November 9, 2021	1.02 ug/L
Finished (At Plant)	November 10, 2021	<1.00 ug/L
Finish – Chatham Forest Grab	November 8, 2021	1.30 ug/L
Finish – Horton Tank Grab	November 8, 2021	2.09 ug/L
Finish – 1.0M Tank Grab	November 8, 2021	1.61 ug/L

While Town staff is encouraged by the minimal amounts of 1,4 dioxane in the raw and finished water samples to date, the Town will continue sampling and seek rush orders on the results to ensure we are acting with the most current information. The Town will continue to pull samples until it is abundantly clear that the 1,4 dioxane release has passed our raw water intake. The Town’s water tanks are currently filled with water consistent with the concentration levels displayed for finished water in the chart above. The water levels in the tanks should last the Town 3-4 days, depending on consumption demand. While the Town is not imposing any formal water restrictions to conserve water, any conservation will assist in the longevity of the water in the

tanks. Increasing the longevity of this water lets the Town continue to distribute safe water free of elevated levels of 1,4 dioxane by allowing us to limit our draws of raw water from the Haw River and adding more separation time from the contamination date that may prove beneficial should any remnants of the 1,4 dioxane release remain upstream of our water intake. The Town is confident that our water is safe for consumption and use in both residential and commercial applications. The Town will continue to monitor the situation with additional precautionary sampling, and we will continue to discuss remedies with NCDEQ and the City of Greensboro.



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