

Benner Township PFAS Investigation Recently Asked Questions – January 2023

1. Since the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) have been adopted as of January 14, 2023, what can Benner Township residents expect?

With the publication of the MCLs of 14 ppt for PFOA and 18 ppt for PFOS on January 14, 2023, the MCLs are now regulated standards for both drinking water and groundwater cleanup. Residents whose home wells contained concentrations of PFOA and PFOS below the previous standard of 70 ppt but above the new MCLs will receive POET systems. All who qualify have already been supplied with bottled water.

2. What is the timeframe during which residents who now qualify for POET systems can expect installation?

DEP's list of residences to receive POETs in the Walnut Grove community has been updated and shared with our contractor. The contractor is actively working through the procurement process at this time. Upon approval of the contract, work will commence on scheduling the home assessments and installation of the POET systems in the additional homes.

3. What is the status of DEP's examination of potentially installing a public water line into the Walnut Grove neighborhood? What funding sources are being considered or investigated to make this move faster?

DEP's contractor has begun working with the local water authorities in and around Benner Township to develop an Engineering Feasibility Study. This study will determine any special engineering needs that may be required for long-term maintenance of the system as well as the best route and origin for the water line extension. DEP has looked into several potential funding sources, finding that many require the planning and permitting to be completed prior to qualifying for funding. DEP has committed to completing the Engineering Feasibility Study and assisting with planning and identifying funding as our investigation progresses.

4. Why has DEP not named a responsible party for the PFAS contamination yet?

DEP continues to conduct our review of records and documents received in response to our request for information from seven entities who were identified as having potentially utilized PFAS in either historic or current operations. DEP

anticipates completing this review and moving forward with determination of the responsible party(ies) in 2023.

5. There have been recent articles on the toxic levels of PFAS compounds in freshwater fish. What is being done to address this in PA?

Any warnings regarding fish consumption would be issued by PA Fish and Boat Commission; questions on this should be directed to them.

6. If I have questions or concerns regarding the installation of a POET system offered by DEP, or a POET system already installed by DEP, who should I contact?

DEP encourages you to contact us with any issues, questions, or concerns you may have about the POET systems we have installed or are in the process of installing as a part of the Benner Township PFAS Investigation.