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RE: Drinking Water Filter System

In March 2022, IDEM collected and analyzed a water sample from your residential water well. The analysis was performed by IDEM's contract laboratory and tested for 18 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) including the compounds perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). Specifically, sample detected PFBS at 6.1 parts per trillion (ppt), PFHxS at 1.8 ppt, PFHxA at 3.0 ppt, PFOS at 2.4 ppt, and PFOA at 4.7 ppt. These results were less than the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) lifetime health advisory of 70 ppt for PFOS and/or PFAS. To ensure the accuracy of your results, IDEM attempted to collect a confirmation sample on March 28, 2022; however, access was denied.

Recently, the U.S. EPA announced a new drinking water maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 4 ppt for PFOA and 4 ppt for PFOS. As your March 2022 water sample exceeds the new MCL for PFOA, IDEM is offering, at no charge to you, a point-of-use filter system for your kitchen sink/refrigerator water line. With your permission, IDEM's contractor North American Aqua will contact you to install the filter system by a professional plumber. IDEM will also provide biannual filter change-outs until your water meets applicable federal PFAS drinking water standards.

Please notify Lynette Schrowe of the Remediation Services Branch at 317-234-8622 of your decision to allow/not allow installation of a drinking water filter system by May 30, 2024. If IDEM does not receive a response by then, we must assume that a filter system is not wanted, and you will not be contacted again. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Lynette at the above-listed telephone number, or by email at lschrowe1@IDEM.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Davis, Chief Remediation Services Branch Office of Land Quality