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Dear Veolia Customer,

Veolia regularly tests your drinking water for dozens of potential contaminants as required by federal and state law to ensure the safety of our public water system. Recently, that testing revealed the presence of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) just above the established regulatory standard. Information regarding PFOA, PFOS, and the recent test result is provided on the attached notice using a form prepared by the State of New York to help explain its new regulatory standards for PFOA and PFOS in drinking water systems.

Veolia is actively working to ensure that our public water systems comply with all regulatory requirements, including the recently established standards for PFOA, PFOS, and other similar chemicals that are found in surface and groundwater throughout the country. Veolia is currently installing additional treatment for the Veolia Forest Park-London Bridge drinking water facility in coordination with the Putnam County Department of Health.

**Please also find additional information at:**

- <https://nywq.veolianorthamerica.com>
- <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos>
- [https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/docs/water\\_supplier\\_fact\\_sheet\\_new\\_mcls.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/water/drinking/docs/water_supplier_fact_sheet_new_mcls.pdf)

For more information, please contact Veolia Water at 877-452-4721 or mail to 162 Old Mill Road, West Nyack, NY 10994. You can also contact the Putnam County Department of Health at (845) 808-1390.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

### **PFOA MCL Exceedance at Veolia Forest Park – London Bridge**

#### **Why are you receiving this notice/information?**

You are receiving this notice because testing of our public water system on 3/7/2023 found the chemical perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in your drinking water at a concentration of 14 ppt and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) at a concentration of 12 ppt. This is above New York State's maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 10.0 ppt for PFOA and PFOS in public drinking water systems. Consuming drinking water with PFOA and/or PFOS at or somewhat above the MCL does not pose a significant health risk. Your water continues to be acceptable for all uses.

#### **What are the health effects of PFOA and PFOS?**

The available information on the health effects associated with PFOA and PFOS, like many chemicals, comes from studies of high-level exposure in animals or humans. Less is known about the chances of health effects occurring from lower levels of exposure, such as those that might occur in drinking water. As a result, finding lower levels of chemicals in drinking water prompts water suppliers and regulators to take precautions that include notifying consumers and steps to reduce exposure.

PFOA and PFOS has caused a wide range of health effects when studied in animals that were exposed to high levels. Additional studies of high-level exposures of PFOA and PFOS in people provide evidence that some of the health effects seen in animals may also occur in humans. The most consistent findings in animals were effects on the liver and immune system and impaired fetal growth and development. The United States Environmental Protection Agency considers PFOA and PFOS as having suggestive evidence for causing cancer based on studies of animals exposed to high levels of this chemical over their entire lifetimes.

At the level of PFOA and PFOS detected in your water, exposure from drinking water and food preparation is well below PFOA and PFOS exposures associated with health effects.

### **What is New York State doing about PFOA in public drinking water?**

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) has adopted a drinking water regulation that requires all public water systems to test for PFOA and PFOS. If found above the MCL of 10.0 ppt, the water supplier must take steps to lower the level to meet the standard. Exceedances of the MCL signal that steps should be taken by the water system to reduce contaminant levels.

### **What is being done to meet the MCL?**

Veolia Water is in the process of installing treatment at London Bridge, construction for which began in October 2022.

We have continued and will continue to test our water quarterly for PFOA and PFOS.

Additional information on PFOA and PFOS is available on our website at:  
<https://nywq.veolianorthamerica.com/acting/>.

### **Where can I get more information?**

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If you have additional questions about these contaminants and your health, talk to your health care provider who is most familiar with your health history and can provide advice and assistance about understanding how drinking water may affect your personal health.

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