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Dear Verona Residents:

This notice serves to update you on our **safe drinking water**. As you may recall, on September 1, 2021 the Township of Verona Water Utility released a Public Notice as required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) with regard to an excess of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in its Fairview Avenue Well. As was stated at the time, the Township has typically blended its well water with water purchased from the Passaic Valley Water Commission.

As of July 28, 2021, the Township removed both the Fairview and Linn Drive Wells from service and is now solely utilizing water purchased from the Passaic Valley Water Commission until we can remediate this issue. We have been assured that the water from the Passaic Valley Water Commission does not exceed the contamination limits for PFOA per the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regulations. Accordingly, the water currently being distributed to the Township's water users meets all safety standards and is **safe to drink**. Even though **we are no longer providing water that exceeds the PFOA standards** set by the NJDEP, we are **required** to send a quarterly notice to water users advising them of the exceedance at the Fairview Avenue Well until final remediation is in place, which is why you are receiving this notice again.

The Township takes the quality of the drinking water we supply to our residents extremely seriously and has engaged our engineers to design remediation systems for our wells in order to return them to service. Final remediation of the wells is anticipated in 2024, barring no delays in the availability of materials required to implement a solution.

The Township Council is committed to providing the residents with all information possible regarding this issue. We have asked our professionals to provide an update on the process at every regular meeting of the Township Council. We encourage all our residents to stay informed by attending our Council Meetings, either live in-person or virtually via Zoom, or you may watch them on our YouTube Channel after the fact for updates on this and other matters of importance around town. You may also call the Township Manager's Office at (973) 857-4767 which can assist in explaining where the Township is with regard to final remediation. Please allow us to reiterate that the water currently being distributed to the Township's water users meets all safety standards and is **safe to drink**.

Finally, if you are experiencing economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and are having difficulty paying your utility bills, there are several options available to you including energy assistance programs administered by the State and installments plans. Our website has more information on these assistance programs at www.VeronaNJ.org or contact JMuscara@VeronaNJ.org for more information on payment arrangements through the municipality.

Respectfully,

Mayor Alex Roman & the Township Council