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PFAS in Drinking Water

****South Harrison Water Corp. tested for PFAS in 2020 and 2022 and according to current standards our water is safe for consumption.****

PFAs are known as "forever chemicals" and were manufactured by companies such as 3M and Dupont. It is not known at this time if most PFAs cause any health problems, but some have shown a link to human health and are being increasingly regulated. In the near future, the US Environmental Protection agency will issue new guidance on the amount of PFAs that are considered safe in drinking water. It is currently unclear what the new PFAS standards will be, but they may affect how we test and treat our water. Some Indiana community water providers have tested positive for PFAs, but not South Harrison Water.

High levels of PFAS are found in many household items:

- Grease-resistant paper, fast-food wrappers or containers, microwave popcorn bags, pizza boxes, candy wrappers, plastic water bottles
- Nonstick cookware
- Personal care products, like shampoo, dental floss, nail polish, sunscreens, shaving creams, and eye makeup
- Stain-resistant coatings used on carpets, upholstery, and other fabrics
- Cleaning products, paints, varnishes, and sealants
- Fire extinguisher powders
- Water-resistant fabrics, such as rain jackets, umbrellas, and tents

What to watch for in coming months:

The management, staff, and the directors at South Harrison Water Corporation are being vigilant to learn as much as we can about PFAS and all other "forever chemicals" found in drinking water. We are also exploring processes to treat this issue should it arise in our future.

We understand that the testing methods and the level of PFAS that are considered to be concerning for human health may change. As stated earlier, we have never detected any PFAS using current tests and our water is considered safe for consumption. However, we will keep you posted as we learn more.

For more information:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/chemical/pfas.htm>

<https://www.fda.gov/food/process-contaminants-food/questions-and-answers-pfas-food>