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Subject: FW: Do Not Drink Advisory for Vienna Citizens -- PLEASE READ

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Earlier today – there was TV coverage on the local Fox channel that covers Vienna – link pasted below. In the coverage they say..."The levels of C8 in Vienna's water may now be too dangerous to drink." According to the state communications person, this has resulted in a panic of some sort in Vienna, whereby retailers such as Sam's were sold out of water in minutes. As a result, the Bureau for Public Health has issued a "Do Not Consume Water Alert" and as a result, the national guard is bringing in 6 tankers of water into Vienna on a daily basis. These tankers will be carrying 70,000 gallons of water – which they have estimated will be given to 14,000 residents. We have heard that the levels in Vienna are as high as .099 ppb, .75 ppb, and .129 ppb -- the last level at their water plant. The State Journal is covering the story and we are awaiting the actual advisory which will be sent to us by our contact, as soon as she receives it. In addition, the Mayor of Vienna is scheduled to appear on the TV station mentioned above at 6 PM.

Below is the statement or advisory we just rec'd…

This is the statement approved by the DHHR's BPH and the West Virginia Governor's Office communications teams:

The Bureau for Public Health has reviewed the information regarding PFOA and PFOS that the U.S. EPA released today in a lifetime drinking water health advisory and continues to closely monitor the situation. BPH is working with the town of Vienna to implement appropriate precautions, which will include a Do Not Drink advisory until additional testing and evaluation takes place. The Department of Health and Human Resources and the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety will assist those affected by the EPA's advisory, and the state will assist in securing installation of new filters.

Two other public water systems in West Virginia, located in Parkersburg and Martinsburg, were also affected by the new EPA thresholds. They have taken immediate action by using an additional source to provide water.

Shawn – we don't want to alert OPA and OW until you have an opportunity to notify your contacts. Please advise as to when you would like for us to do so. Also below is info Lora Werner rec'd form her health counterparts.
Thanks.

WTAP – TV Coverage http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Elevated-C8-levels-found-in-Vienna-water-368567241.html

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Subject: WV BPH considering a do not use order for Vienna?

I received this internal alert from HHS R3 just now:

HHS R3 FLASH REPORT: Water Source Contamination, Vienna, WV

Three water systems in WV have been identified as having levels of PFOA (Teflon and Perfluorooctanoic Acid) and PFOS (Perfluorooctyl Sulfonate) that exceed recently released U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. Of these three water systems, only one, in Vienna, WV, does not have an alternative source of raw water. The WV Department of Health and Human Resources is expected to issue a DO NOT USE/DO NOT CONSUME message this afternoon. The water system in Vienna, WV services roughly 14,000 customers (between 40,000 and 42,000 people), including three other water systems. Due to this development, the WV Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (WVDHSEM) is activating their State EOC to an Enhanced Watch. Efforts are underway by WV State agencies to provide bulk and/or bottled water to ensure area requirements are met in the short term. WV has reached out to retailers for their awareness and for their internal planning for water socks. Wood County, WV Emergency Management Agency and Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department are working multiple issues including, but not limited to, the location of tanker deliveries, nursing/assisted living care facilities issues and public messaging.