

PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic Acid) Update

PFOA has been a subject of much news coverage here in Vermont over the past few weeks. PFOA was used historically in the making of Teflon, wire coatings and non-stick fabrics. PFOA has been identified as a soil and groundwater contaminant at specific industrial sites in Vermont where it was used. Therefore, groundwater wells used as a drinking water source in these specific industrial use areas have been identified as being at risk.

Champlain Water District wants to inform our customers of the following facts:

- Champlain Water District's surface water source is from the deep underwater canyon of Shelburne Bay, at 75 feet of depth and a half-mile from shore. CWD made this investment in our protected deep-water intake to be well beyond potential sources of contamination.
- The testing of CWD's finished water shows that **PFOA was not detected** in CWD's drinking water.
- CWD's "Excellence in Water Treatment" award winning water supply has been monitored quarterly for PFOA beginning in May of 2014 through January 2015.
- Champlain Water District serves the following twelve municipal water systems: South Burlington, Shelburne, Williston, Essex Town, Essex Junction, Village of Jericho, Winooski, Milton, Colchester Fire District # 1, Colchester Fire District # 3, Colchester Town, and the Malletts Bay Water Company.