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## Ayer Drinking Water PFAS Update

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The Ayer Department of Public Works will be providing updates regarding the various actions and issues related to the PFAS contamination in Ayer's drinking water. The update will be itemized and in no particular order or priority. If you need additional information or clarification on any of these items, contact Kimberly Abraham at 978-772-8240 or [kabraham@ayer.ma.us](mailto:kabraham@ayer.ma.us).

We continue to sample the water monthly for post- treatment PFAS6 levels and will continue to offer updates on this webpage with monitoring results.

The results for July through September sampling are as follows:

SUPPLY	DATE	MassDEP PFAS-6 (ppt)
Grove Pond Finished Water	7/14/2023	Non-Detect
	8/8/2023	Non-Detect
	9/13/2023	Non-Detect
Spectacle Pond Finished Water	7/14/2023	Non-Detect
	8/8/2023	Non-Detect
	9/13/2023	Non-Detect

**Production Capacity Issue.** With the installation of PFAS Treatment, the Treatment Facilities are experiencing production capacity issues. Our ability to produce the amount of water needed to meet water demand has been hindered. Despite the abundant precipitation, water restrictions are still needed in order to keep demand at a level that we can produce. In addition, we have been working closely with our large customers who have agreed to modify production to aide the current situation.

The issue has been evaluated and the recommended solution is to install a clearwell and finished water pumping station. This solution would allow the Grove Pond Treatment Facility to operate at full capacity once again. The project is currently in the early stages of design.

Ayer DPW Water Division Operators and staff will continue to monitor conditions in the treatment plants and the distribution system. We also continue to closely monitor the science of PFAS as it continues to evolve and respond to regulatory requirements as they unfold.