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Re: MassDEP PFAS Free Laboratory Analyses Program for Public Water Suppliers and Private Wells

Dear Boards of Health, Municipal Leaders, and Other Interested Parties:

The MassDEP PFAS Free Laboratory Analyses Program for Public Water Suppliers and Private Wells (the Program) concluded June 30, 2022. All analyses results collected as part of the Program are available online. Testing results from public water suppliers are available on the EEA Data Portal at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/Portal/#!/search/drinking-water>. A summary of private well testing results by town is available on the Program private well dashboard at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas-in-private-well-drinking-water-supplies-faq#pfas-testing-in-private-wells>.

PFAS Free Analyses Program Summary

As you know, the Baker-Polito Administration sought and received funding from the Legislature to support testing for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water in both public water supplies and select private wells with the goal of characterizing the extent of PFAS contamination of drinking water sources across the Commonwealth. The MassDEP Drinking Water Program collaborated with its partners the University of Massachusetts (UMass) Amherst and UMass Lowell to implement the Program and achieve this goal. The Program was active from July 2020 through June 2022 and provided the opportunity for free laboratory analyses of PFAS drinking water samples for all Public Water Systems and select private wells.

Through this effort MassDEP was able to provide 1,121 Public Water Systems with one round of free PFAS sampling, enabling many water suppliers to sample for PFAS prior to their regulatory monitoring deadline. The Program also provided free PFAS analysis to 1,668 private well owners from 84 of the 85 towns where 60% or more of the residents receive drinking water from private wells. In doing so, MassDEP was able to provide financial and technical assistance to participants, collect vital data on PFAS in Massachusetts drinking water sources, and provide each Board of Health with a summary of all private wells tested by the program.

Grants and Loans to Address PFAS Contamination

For Public Water Systems with PFAS contamination, MassDEP has provided the opportunity for funding through loans and grants. The MassDEP PFAS Story Map describes the \$10.8 million in grants that have been issued to

Public Water Systems to address PFAS. See Tab 5 of the Story Map for details, <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas#pfas-detected-in-drinking-water-supplies-in-massachusetts>. Additionally, MassDEP and the Clean Water Trust have issued 23 loans or loan commitments at a 0% interest rate for construction projects to address PFAS contamination. See <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/zero-interest-pfas-mitigation-loans>.

MassDEP would like to thank the Massachusetts Boards of Health, members of the Legislature, and partner organizations for their support throughout the duration of the Program, as well as the MassDEP, UMass Amherst and UMass Lowell staff who worked to make the Program a success.

MassDEP is committed to continuing efforts to address these contaminants in the Commonwealth's natural resources and additional MassDEP PFAS work is ongoing.

For more information about PFAS and MassDEP's efforts to address these contaminants, see: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/per-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>. If you have further questions, you may contact MassDEP's Drinking Water Program at program.director-dwp@mass.gov (Subject: PFAS).

Thank you for your interest in this work to characterize these emerging contaminants and to protect public health throughout the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvette DePeiza".

Yvette DePeiza
Director, MassDEP Drinking Water Program
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