

press release



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WATER TREATMENT IN NEWBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA SUCCESSFULLY ELIMINATES PFAS FROM WELLS

SUEZ officials announced today that carbon treatment the company implemented in wells that serve a portion of Newberry Township in Pennsylvania has reduced the presence of PFAS to non-detectable levels. SUEZ also tested water sources for the remainder of the company's Newberry customers and is pleased to report results that are no greater than 17 parts per trillion (with an average of 9), significantly below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Health Advisory Limit of 70 parts per trillion.

"We are very pleased with the performance of the treatment and the results of additional testing," said John Hollenbach, Vice President and General Manager of SUEZ. "Our mission was to act as quickly as possible on behalf of our customers. We are thankful for their patience, for the cooperation of the Pennsylvania DEP, and for our employees who worked tirelessly to resolve this issue."

PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are part of a family of man-made chemicals that have been used for decades as an ingredient to make products that resist heat, oil, stains, grease and water, and are extremely resistant to breakdown in the environment.

Immediately following notification of an independent customer test that revealed levels of PFAS above the Health Advisory Limit, SUEZ assembled a response team of professionals specializing in water quality, engineering and water treatment that quickly designed plans for an effective PFAS removal system. SUEZ obtained an emergency permit from the DEP and placed the treatment units in operation on April 12.

"Instead of taking the traditional approach of waiting for test results to confirm that PFAS were in the water, we decided to order industry best practice carbon treatment immediately and then apply for an emergency permit," said Hollenbach.

SUEZ is working with the DEP to share these and the DEP's own independent results with Newberry officials and customers.

About SUEZ in North America

SUEZ North America operates across all 50 states and Canada with 2,825 employees dedicated to environmental sustainability and smart and sustainable resource management. The company provides drinking water, wastewater and waste collection service to 6.6 million people on a daily basis; treats over 560 million gallons of water and over 450 million gallons of wastewater each day; delivers water treatment and advanced network solutions to 16,000 industrial and municipal sites; processes 160,000 tons of waste for recycling; rehabilitates and maintains water assets for more than 4,000 municipal and industrial customers; and manages \$4.1 billion in total assets. The company posted revenues of \$1.1 billion in 2018 and is a subsidiary of Paris-based SUEZ.

About SUEZ

With 90,000 people on the five continents, SUEZ is a world leader in smart and sustainable resource management. We provide water and waste management solutions that enable cities and industries optimize their resource management and strengthen their environmental and economic performances, in line with regulatory standards. To meet increasing demands to overcome resource quality and scarcity challenges, SUEZ is fully engaged in the resource revolution. With the full potential of digital technologies and innovative solutions, the Group recovers 17 million tons of waste a year, produces 3.9 million tons of secondary raw materials and 7 TWh of local renewable energy. It also secures water resources, delivering wastewater treatment services to 58 million people and reusing 882 million m³ of wastewater. SUEZ generated total revenues of 15.9 billion euros in 2017.

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