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Dear Residents:

The Oyster Bay Water District continuously tests the quality of our drinking water to ensure the water is safe to drink. We currently test for over 185 different parameters, including bacteria, metals, inorganic compounds, organic compounds and radiologicals.

In addition, we are always evaluating emerging contaminants that could be a concern in the future. One of these emerging contaminants is 1,4-Dioxane. 1,4-Dioxane is a synthetic chemical that is used as a solvent and chlorinated solvent stabilizer for industrial chemicals. It is also commonly found in cosmetics, detergents, shampoos and deodorants.

The USEPA established a water quality data collection program called the Unregulated Contaminant Rule, where medium and large water suppliers need to test for the presence of potential emerging contaminants. 1,4-Dioxane was tested by the large and medium sized water suppliers in 2014 and 2015. It was found at very low levels in approximately 70 percent of wells on Long Island.

While the Oyster Bay Water District was not required to test for 1,4-Dioxane because we are considered a small water supplier, we felt it was important to sample all our wells. Very low levels of 1,4-Dioxane was found in 3 out of 5 wells, in the range of 0.086 to 0.45 parts per billion. There is no chemical specific Federal or State Drinking Water Standard for 1,4-Dioxane. However, it is regulated as an Unspecified Organic Contaminant by New York State Department of Health at 50 parts per billion.

Since the water provided by our District was tested to contain 1,4-Dioxane at concentrations significantly lower than the State Regulatory Standard, there is no special actions that our District or our customers need to take.

We want to assure our residents that the District will continue to take the appropriate actions to ensure our water remains safe to drink.

Very truly yours,

OYSTER BAY WATER DISTRICT

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