

Town Admin

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Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:13 PM
To: Selectman 3; Town Admin
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Subject: Millville Elementary School Drinking Water

Good afternoon Jennifer and Peter,

Thank you for arranging the call this afternoon to discuss the Town's plan to modify the water treatment system at Millville Elementary School to correct ongoing violations of MassDEP's drinking water standard for disinfection by-products. As I noted in my July 5th email, MassDEP is concerned about the delay in submitting a permit application for the treatment system modification. I understand from today's call that in addition to modifying the treatment system, the Town is considering removal of a beaver dam that is creating standing water in the area of the drinking water well. MassDEP is not requiring removal of the beavers/beaver dam but we do have an application to request a determination that the presence of the beavers may pose a threat to the public water supply. Here is a link to that application: [beavapp.doc \(live.com\)](#).

We also discussed whether consideration of removing the beaver dam would affect the timing of the permit application for the treatment system modification. MassDEP is concerned about any additional delay and we encourage the Town to submit the permit application as soon as possible, with the application for the beaver determination at the same time or shortly thereafter. MassDEP will manage the reviews concurrently.

Finally, because the Town remains out of compliance with the drinking water standard for disinfection by-products as of Quarter 2 for 2023, the Town must distribute another Public Notice to the school population and continue to provide bottled water. MassDEP does not require bulk water for non-potable uses nor does the violation require closure of the school. We will provide you with the form of public notice with instructions for distribution.

I hope this accurately summarizes our conversation but please let me know if you have any comments. Thank you for your continued cooperation and we look forward to receiving the permit modification application as soon as possible.

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