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BURNSVILLE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK

There have been recent media reports regarding two different chemicals found in drinking water across the Twin Cities metro area and the United States.

Perfluorochemicals have been found in many wells on the east side of the Metro Area. This chemical has been linked to an east side company that produced stain removers, fire retardants and lubricants. The City of Burnsville recently tested its source water for perfluorochemicals and found that the amounts in the water are considerably below the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) health risk limits.

The second contaminant recently reported is pharmaceuticals. The most common source of pharmaceuticals comes from wastewater that enters surface water bodies found downstream of intense urbanization or livestock production. Some cities use those surface water bodies as their water source and chemicals in the water are not completely removed during treatment. While Burnsville does not currently test for pharmaceuticals, the Minnesota Department of Health and city's engineering officials have no evidence to indicate that the city's deep wells are influenced by the common sources of pharmaceuticals. In addition, Burnsville's drinking water meets all of the MDH's drinking water standards.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has complete information on this topic on the internet at <http://epa.gov/pccp/>. Residents may also contact the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 for more information.

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