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The city of Airway Heights has received the latest water quality test results from the Anatek laboratory in Moscow, Idaho. The city has flushed over 15 million gallons of water. Working closely with the Department of Health to ensure protection of public health throughout the health advisory period; 17 samples from different locations throughout the distribution system were tested this week for PFOS/PFOA. We were able to confirm that the flushing that has been performed is working; 11 of the samples were either “non-detect” or below the EPA level. However we did have 6 samples that came back above the action level of 70 PPT. Those samples ranged from 82 – 857 PPT. “The good news is that the flushing is working” said Kevin Anderson, Public Works Director, “unfortunately we need to perform more of it over the holiday.”

The city will resume flushing the system this weekend at various locations. Samples will be collected early next week and results should be available by the end of the week.

Until we announce that the advisory is lifted, do not drink city water nor use city water for cooking. The tap water is safe for activities where water will not be ingested, such as bathing, doing laundry and washing dishes.

The city, in partnership with Fairchild, will continue to provide bottled water at the distribution site behind Yokes in Airway Heights. Citizens that are homebound can call the Airway Heights Fire Department (509)244-3322 or the Airway Heights Police Department (509) 244-3707 and request a delivery during the holiday weekend.

Once again we would like to thank the citizens for their patience and all of our partners that have helped with the process.

You may get further information on the city website or contact City Hall.

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