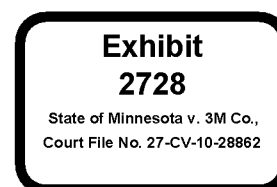


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- In 2000, 3M announced it was phasing out of production of PFOS and PFOA. The company wanted to focus on more sustainable technologies. 3M had already stopped using another fluorochemical, PFBA, at its Cottage Grove, MN facility due to decreased customer demand.
- During the 1950's and 60's, 3M disposed of various waste materials from 3M Cottage Grove in East Metro area landfills, including a disposal site in Woodbury. This was a common and accepted practice at the time. It is likely that some of this waste contained PFOS, PFOA and PFBA.
- Beginning in 2004, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) tested municipal and private well drinking water in Cottage Grove, Hastings, North St. Paul and Woodbury; tests results showed no measurable levels of PFOS or PFOA at a detection limit of 25 parts per trillion. In late 2006, MDH detected trace levels of PFBA in some municipal wells in Woodbury, Cottage Grove, Hastings, St. Paul Park and South St. Paul. At the trace levels found, the water in these communities is safe based on decades of research of PFOS and PFOA, and more recent data on PFBA. The research shows there are no adverse effects resulting from the low levels at which these materials are found in humans and the environment.
- In Oakdale, low levels of perfluorochemicals were detected in some municipal wells. As a precautionary measure, 3M and the city of Oakdale installed a carbon treatment system, at 3M's expense, on two wells with levels of PFOS near or slightly above the state's guideline.
- In Lake Elmo, a number of private wells were tested and in some wells, levels exceeded state guidelines for PFOS, or PFBA or a combination of PFOS, PFOA and PFBA. 3M donated land for a new water tower and gave the city of Lake Elmo a grant to provide municipal water service to two affected neighborhoods.
- 3M is committed to working with all applicable state agencies and local communities where the presence of 3M materials exceeds government drinking water standards. 3M has filed work plans with the state to address three former disposal sites that are the potential sources of these materials into the environment.

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