Press Release

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Do Not Drink Advisory

May 19, 2016 – Parkersburg, WV: A Do Not Drink the Water Health Advisory has been issued by the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department for the citizens of Vienna and Boaz until further notice.

Earlier today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a new limit for allowable PFOA/PFOS (better known as C-8) chemicals in public water supply. It is important to note that the Vienna/Boaz water supply is still and approved water supply by the State Bureau for Public Health. This precaution is being taken while further tests and evaluations are being conducted on the water supply.

It is also important for citizens to know that Governor Tomlin, Homeland Security Chief, Jimmy Gianato, Cabinet Secretary Boling and Commissioner and State Health Officer Dr. Gupta are working with the City of Vienna and the EPA to resolve the issue.

Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department Sanitarians are visiting all restaurants in the area to ensure that food is prepared with alternate water sources, but bathrooms and hand washing are okay with the current water supply.

The National Guard and Homeland Security are working with Rick Woodyard, Emergency Management Director in our area to ensure an alternate source of water is brought into our area. In addition, local department and grocery stores will be receiving additional supplies of bottled water for public consumption.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department has established a Vienna/Boaz Water Issue Information toll free number that people can call for answers to their questions. That number is 1-888-550-6797.

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