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## **NOTICE TO PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM PROVIDERS**

**Office of the Attorney General, Saipan** – Please note that several class action settlements have been reached to resolve claims of public water systems against certain companies related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) contamination of drinking water. These class action settlements were reached in a large multi-district litigation known as the Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) Product Liability Litigation (MDL 2873), overseen by the United States District Court in South Carolina. The settling defendants include: (1) 3M company (“3M”); and (2) E. I. Du Pont de Nemours and company (n/k/a EIDP, Inc.), DuPont de Nemours Inc., The Chemours Company, the Chemours Company FC, LLC, and Corteva, inc. (collectively, the “DuPont Companies”). Public Water Systems in Saipan may be entitled to monetary relief under the settlements.

Based on records maintained by CNMI agencies, you may meet the definition of a Public Water System and may be eligible to submit a claim. The amount of compensation each Public Water System may receive under the settlement depends on factors including the level of PFAS contamination in your system and its flow rate. Additional information about the settlements, including eligibility requirements, instructions for filing claims, and claim deadlines is available online at <https://www.pfaswatersettlement.com/>. Please note that initial claims are due **July 12, 2024**.

The CNMI Office of the Attorney General (“CNMI OAG”) cannot advise you regarding your eligibility to participate in the class action settlements and this press release is not legal advice. You will either need to file a claim on your own behalf or engage your own legal counsel for assistance.

Separate and apart from these settlements, please note that the CNMI OAG remains committed to pursuing legal action against companies responsible for contamination from PFAS. The CNMI OAG’s lawsuit against these companies remains pending.

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